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MINUTES OF THE ORPHANMASTERS

OF

NEW AMSTERDAM

1655 to 1663

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PREFACE.

It was argued in an elevated railway case, some years ago, that only English law prevailed on Manhattans Island, even though the Dutch West India Company ruled the Province of which the Island was a part, but nevertheless we have to look for the origin of the Orphans' Court, of which the minutes are herewith presented, in the Twelve Tables of the Roman law, of which the fifth related to inheritances and guardianships. The Byzantine Emperor Justinian (527 to 565 A. D.), wishing to promulgate a body of law, not too bulky for general use, appointed a commission of jurists, who compiled the works on which all laws of Continental Europe are based to-day; two previous compilations—the Roman law of the Burgundians and the Roman law of the Visigoths—having been used to amplify or diminish the provisions of Justinian's Code.

The *Institutes* of Justinian direct that, if a person died without a testament, the law should regulate the succession to the inheritance, as prescribed in the Twelve Tables; also that a curator or guardian must be appointed, when the heirs or children were minors, and therefore not only not able to conduct their affairs, but also unable to understand, perhaps

to speak, the forms necessary in legal transactions. They were considered unfit to protect their own interests, until they had completed their twenty-fifth year.

The Roman Dutch law added to this provision of Justinian the rule of the great Greek lawgiver Solon, that no one should be the guardian of a person whose death would benefit such guardian. It was, as Sir Edmund Coke said, to avoid, *quasi agnum committere lupo ad devorandum* ("turn the lamb over to the wolf, that he might devour it"). Various cases, related in the following pages, will show that the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam strictly adhered to this rule, and never made a surviving parent the curator of the property to which the child or children were entitled.

Before New Amsterdam received its charter as a city the Director General and Council of the Province were ex-officio bound "to take cognizance of matters pertaining to minor children, widows, orphans, etc.," and under their supervision the Deacons of the Reformed Church acted as Orphan Masters, but with the incorporation of the village as a city the duties of Director and Council devolved upon the newly created municipal rulers—the Burgomasters and Schepens,—who, at their second meeting on February 10, 1653, resolved "that it is necessary to appoint Orphanmasters," for which position they submitted to the Director and Council four names to select two.

"However praiseworthy," replied Stuyvesant, "the intention of the Burgomasters and Schepens is and the Director General and Council are pleased with it, yet considering, that more appendages are required thereto, before such an Orphans' Court could be established, for which the weak state of this just beginning City is not yet prepared, while at the same time it is not less necessary according to God's orders to take care of widows and children, the Director General and Council decide, that as heretofore the Deacons shall keep their eyes open and look as Orphanmasters after widows and orphans, reporting to Burgomasters and Schepens, that special curators * may be appointed for this or that widow and orphans or over their estates, whereupon Burgomasters and Schepens shall make such order and appoint such curators as may be required by circumstances, the curators being responsible to Burgomasters and Schepens and if these learn, that the effects and property of widows and orphans are not taken care of, they are to appoint other curators and call the negligent to account."

No records are in existence to tell us how matters were managed under this ruling, but we must assume this *modus vivendi* was not quite satisfactory, for on October 18, 1655, the Burgomasters take up again the appointment of regular Orphan Masters, writing to the Director General and Council:

* Under Roman law the *curator* had charge of the estate, and the *tutor* of the person of his ward or pupil.

"Whereas we find by daily experience and petitions, presented to us, that there are at present in this City widows and orphans, for whom we deem it necessary, that proper provision be made in order, that they and their property and effects be properly employed and administered; therefore we request, according to our instructions, that your Honours would be pleased, to commission (according to the custom of our Fatherland) certain persons, who might attend, as Orphanmasters, to that duty." * The Director and Council quickly admitted the necessity of the appointment of such officers and selected from the four men whose names had been submitted, two, who, however, did not act as Orphan Masters, but only as Overseers of Orphans; the Burgomasters continuing to sit as Judges of the Orphans' Court; and it required a new remonstrance on their part in February, 1656, to induce Stuyvesant to the creation of the office as a separate body, "whose duty it shall solely be, to attend to orphans and minor children within the jurisdiction of this City and to administer on their property in and out of the City and oversee such administration by others." †

The names of the people of whom this volume speaks are invariably written as in the original manuscripts, and the divergences occurring are not typographical errors. BERTHOLD FERNOW.

* This translation is taken from p. 380, vol. i, "Records of New Amsterdam."

† For the laws governing this Court see *Rooseboom*, "Receuil van Weeten en Kostumen der Staden Amsterdam, 1656."

MINUTES OF THE ORPHAN MASTERS OF NEW AMSTERDAM

1655–1663

(The Surrogate's Court in Dutch Times)

The Right Honourable Director General and Council of New Netherland

Are respectfully informed by the undersigned Burgomasters of this City of Amsterdam in New Netherland:

That by daily experience through requests to us we find, that there are now in this City widows and orphans, who we think should be taken care of, that their means and property be well administered and made use of. In obedience to our instructions we therefore request your Honours, that following the customs of our Fatherland you will appoint some persons to the office of Orphan Masters, for which we propose a double number, from whom your Honours will please to select and appoint a single one. Awaiting your Honours' favorable decision we remain

Your Honours' subjects

The Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam

Allard Anthony Oloff Stevensen

Amsterdam in N. N., October 18, 1655.

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We nominate
PIETER WOLFERTSEN, HENDRICK HENDRICKSEN KIP
PIETER CORN. VAN VEEN & JACOB STEENDAM

The Director General and Council have selected and confirmed as Overseers of orphans *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* and *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen*, to attend to the duties of this office for the benefit of widows and orphans, communicating with and under the instructions of the Burgomasters. Done at the meeting of Director General and Council of N. N. Octobr. 19, 1655.

(Signed) P. STUYVESANT
By order of Director General and Council
CORNELIS VAN RUYVEN, Secry.

Tuesday, November 9, 1655, at the City Hall present the Worshipful Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam as Orphan Masters, towit Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Olof Stevensen.*

Whereas *Elbert Elbertsen* in trying to board the ship *Bontekoe* was drowned in the North River and it is known, that *Rynier Rycken*, free merchant here, received from the deceased before his departure power of attorney for the business here in the country, Therefore said *Rynier Rycken*, being summoned, appeared and admitted having the power of attorney; he was ordered to produce it at the next meeting of the Orphan Masters, namely next Tuesday, and in the meantime Secretary *Kip* is to take a com-

plete inventory of what said *Elbert Elbertsen* may have left here.

Whereas *Claes Willemsen de Jongh*, of Amsterdam has died here at the house of *Adriaen Blommart*, Therefore said *Blommart* is summoned by their Worships, as Orphan Masters, to give information concerning the affairs and the estate of deceased and appearing declares, that *Claes de Jongh* dec'd had given him in his lifetime power of attorney and that therefore he, *Blommart*, had an inventory of the goods made by Notary *Schelluyne*. As it is considered necessary, that said power of attorney and inventory should be produced, said *Blommart* is ordered to bring an authenticated copy of the papers to the meeting of the Orphan Masters next Tuesday.

Whereas *Johan van Beeck* has perished in the last disaster [1] Therefore their Worships, the Burgomasters, as Orphan Masters, consider it necessary, that agreeably to the customs of the Fatherland guardians for the infant child be appointed and for this purpose there has been summoned *Maria Verleth*, the widow of said *J. van Beeck*, and the matter was laid before her; but as she could not so quickly resolve, whom to name and refused some, who were proposed, she was given time to think of it until the next meeting of the Orphan Masters, next Tuesday at 10 o. c. and the case deferred until then.

[1] Probably the Indian onslaught of September 15, 1655.

Whereas *Pieter Cecer*, alias *Mallemock*, and his wife have lately died, leaving six small children, Therefore their Worships, the Burgomasters, as Orphan Masters, have deemed it necessary, that tutors and guardians for said children be appointed and they have selected as such and herewith appoint *Pieter van Linde* as being the stepfather of the mother, and *Isaacq Kip* as witness (*getuyge*) for the youngest child. They are hereby authorized to sell or employ the goods and property, left by deceased, for the benefit of the children, to hire out or bind out the children to honest and suitable people and to do everything, what time and circumstances point out as proper. They shall be held, when called upon, to render account, produce vouchers etc to the Orphan Masters. Thus done etc. November 9, 1655.

Whereas *Cornelis Hendricksen of Dort* has perished in the late disaster[2] and has left besides a widow a small child and whereas as yet no inventory has been taken of his estate, Therefore his widow *Madaleen Dircx* has been summoned to appear before their Worships, the Burgomasters, as Orphan Masters, and she was asked, whether she knew of any relatives of her husband here in the country; she answered, she knew of none and as their Worships consider it necessary, to appoint, according to the customs of the Fatherland, guardians for the small

[2] See previous note.

child, they have chosen and appointed, as they herewith do, *Jan Vinje*, as being related to the widow, and *Hendrick Kip*, an old Burgher and inhabitant here, who are hereby authorized to take within three days from date in the presence of the Secretary an inventory of the estate of said *Cornelis Hendricksen* dec'd and to submit the same next Tuesday to the Orphanmasters who will then decide upon the disposition of it. Done as above.

Whereas *Cornelis Clasen Swits* and *Tobias Teunissen* perished in the last disaster and their widows and children are still with the savage barbarians and whereas quite lately in gathering the cattle on the Island some heads were found and brought in, belonging to said *Cornelis Clasen* and *Tobias Teunissen* dec'd, Therefore their Worships, the Burgomasters, as Orphanmasters, have deemed it necessary, that proper care be taken to have said cattle put to use for the benefit of the widows and orphans. For this purpose they have chosen and appointed, as they herewith do, *Egbert Woutersen*, *Tomas Hall* and *Cornelis Aertsen*, who are hereby authorized to dispose of said cattle, as they according to time and circumstances shall consider best for the heirs. They shall be bound to report such disposals with proofs, vouchers etc. to the Orphan masters. Done November 10, 1655.

Jan Vinje appeared at the Secretary's office and declared, that he could not attend to the guardian-

ship of the small child of *Cornelis Hendricksen of Dort* dec'd, as he had too much to do with his own business and had also been refused by the widow *Madaleene.*

Tuesday, the 16th of November 1656 (*sic*). At the City Hall met the Worshipful Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. as Orphanmasters, to-wit the Honble *Allard Anthony* and *Oloff Stevensen.*

Whereas *Maria Verleth*, widow of *Joh. van Beeck*, was at the last meeting on the 9th inst given time until to-day, to consider, whom she should name as guardian of her infant child, therefore it has been decided to send the messenger for said widow to appear: which being done, the Messenger reports, that she had said, she were busy and could not come.

Then the Orphanmasters decreed as follows:

Whereas Sieur *Johannes van Beeck* has lately perished in the last disaster and has left behind in this country not only a widow, but also a small minor child, Therefore the Burgomasters of this City as Orphanmasters have deemed it necessary, that following the usages of our Fatherland guardians be appointed for said child, in order that neither the child nor the widow may be injured in their rights and inherited property and having called the widow *Maria Verleth* to appear they have after due deliberation appointed and commissioned as guardians, as they hereby do, Sieur *Joost van Beeck*,

the brother of *Johannes van Beeck* deceased, and *Nicolas Verleth*, the brother of the widow, who are hereby authorized as such guardians, first to make in the presence of the Secretary an inventory of the estate, including furniture, real and personal property, debts and credits, here in the country due to and by deceased, which inventory they are to hand to the Orphanmasters as soon as possible, then to make with their advice a proper disposition. Done this 16th of November 1655.

It is further ordered, that a copy of the foregoing order shall be delivered by the Court Messenger to Sieur *Joost van Beeck.*

Whereas *Madaleen Dircksen*, widow of *Cornelis Hendricksen of Dort*, has refused to accept the guardians, appointed by the Orphanmasters and whereas up to date no inventory of the estate has been taken, therefore their Worships have decided, to call said widow before them, that she may give her reasons and state, whom she wishes. Appearing the widow says, she refuses the formerly appointed guardians, because *Jan Vinje* is her adversary and has never had any conversation with her or her late husband, while *Hendrick Kip* is in no wise a relative or friend. She requests, that the Orphanmasters, if they decide, that guardians are necessary, will please to commission *Abraham Verplanck* and *Andries de Haes.* Not knowing any reasons, why the named persons should not be made

guardians, the Orphanmasters grant the widow's request and the men are sent for. Having accepted the charge they are commissioned in the manner as the preceding guardians and ordered to bring the inventory of the estate to the next meeting.

Rynier Rycken appearing produces, according to order given at the last meeting, the power of attorney, given him by *Elbert Elbertsen* dec'd and executed before Notary *D. v. Schelluyne* Novbr. 1, together with the inventory of what he found to have been left by deceased. He requests, that as such attorney he may be allowed to sell the clothing etc. of deceased for the benefit of the heirs. After due consideration the Orphanmasters granted the request and ordered that said goods should be sold by Secretary Kip at public auction as soon as possible.

Pursuant to order, given at the last meeting, *Adriaen Blommart* sent the power of attorney, given him by *Claes W. de Jongh* dec'd. before Notary *Schelluyne* October 12, 1655, together with the inventory of deceased's property found here in this country. Having examined it the Orphanmasters ordered the power of attorney and the inventory to be recorded.

Whereas *Pieter van Linde* was at the last meeting appointed guardian with *Isaack Kip* of the minor

children of *Pieter Cecer* and in the meantime has produced sufficient reasons for declining to act, Therefore the Orphanmasters have chosen and commissioned in his place, as they hereby do, Mr. *Jacob Huges*, Surgeon here, to have the same powers as mentioned in the former commission. Done November 16, 1655.

Tuesday, November 23, 1656 (*sic*), at the City Hall, Present the W. Orphanmasters *Allard Anthony* and *Olof Stevensen.*

Lourens Jansen appearing before their Worships, the Burgomasters as Orphanmasters, reported that one *Barent Driesen* and *Aeltie N.*, his wife, had perished on Staten Island during this last disaster and that there remained a minor child, called *Jan Barensen*, about 7 years, who was at his house; also, that there were still running on Staten Island some cattle and other animals of the deceased. He requests therefore, that guardians might be appointed, to look after and administer said cattle and what else is left for the benefit of the child. Considering the request reasonable the Orphanmasters have chosen and commissioned *Jan Eversen Bout* and *Lourens Jansen*, who as guardians of said infant child are authorized to make an inventory of the animals and of whatever else the deceased have left and to administer upon the property for the best of said child, they being obliged to render and prove accounts to the Orphanmasters, when required.

Abraham Verplanck and *Andries de Haes*, guardians of the infant child of *Cornelis Hendricksen from Dort*, appearing before the Court delivered pursuant to order the inventory of what they have found, which after examination is discovered of little value. Said guardians are therefore ordered to pay the debts and collect what is due, as well as possible, to sell the clothing and the utensils of deceased at public auction and to make a calculation for an agreement to buy out the widow.

The Hon^ble^ *Jacob Strycker* appearing reports, that during the late disaster three young men from Steenwyck, namely *Jan Mewes*, *Evert Jansen* and *Jan Gerritsen*, living at *Verdoncx*, have perished and that they have standing at his house a chest with some clothing, which might be spoiled; that therefore it is necessary to open, inventory and sell it for the benefit of the heirs. For this reason he requests, that the Orphanmasters will please to appoint such persons, as they think fit and the Orphanmasters have called on and commissioned the said Hon^ble^ *Jacob Strycker*, Schepen of this City, and *Allard Coninck*, to open as soon as possible in the presence of the Secretary said chest, make an inventory and sell the contents for the benefit of heirs at public auction. Done etc Novbr. 23, 1655.

Thursday, the 20^th^ of January 1656, at the City Hall. Present the Worshipful Orphanmasters *Allard Anthony* and *Olof Stevensen.*

Joost van Beeck appearing requests, that their Worships would please to excuse him from the office of guardian over the minor child of his deceased brother *Joh. van Beeck*, first because he is in doubt, whether the marriage between his brother and *Maria Verleth* was legal, he not having been informed of its having been so declared; therefore he would not know, how to govern himself in this case; secondly, because he is a party in interest, as he has some claims on the estate of his deceased brother.

Having considered the reasons put forward by *Joost van Beeck*, also that the widow was from the beginning opposed to him as guardian, the Orphan-masters discharge him and in his place and that of *Nicolaes Verleth*, who as brother of the widow had been commissioned with *van Beeck*, they elect and appoint Sieurs *Poulus Leendertsen van die Grift* and *Govert Loockermans*, Burghers and landed proprietors of this City, giving them the following commission:

Whereas Sieur *Johannes van Beeck* has lately come to his death in the last assault by the Indians and has left here besides a widow also an infant child, Therefore the Burgomasters of this City as Orphan-masters consider it necessary, that following the customs of our Fatherland guardians be appointed for said infant child, in order that neither the same nor the widow be injured in their rights and property. They have for that reason summoned the widow *Maria Verleth* and whereas of the brothers of the

deceased as well as of the widow having been requested and commissioned, the first refused to act, they have after due deliberation chosen as impartial guardians Sieurs *Poulus Leendertsen van die Grift* and *Govert Loockermans*, who are hereby authorized, (provided they receive their pay according to the Ordinance of the Orphan chamber of Amsterdam), to take as soon as possible an inventory of the property, both real and personal, debts and credits of said *Johannes van Beeck* here in the country and to produce the same to the Orphanmasters, that with their advice and consent proper disposition thereof might be made. Done at the City Hall of Amsterdam in N. N. January 20, 1656.

Govert Loockermans and *Pieter van Couwenhoven*, guardians over the infant children of *Jacob van Couwenhoven* and his deceased wife *Hester Jansen*, appearing produced a testament, made by said *Hester Jansen* dec'd. and *Jacob van Couwenhoven*, before Notary *D. v. Schelluyne* and witnesses April 20, 1653, also evidence of the property, left by their mother to the children, sworn to by *Couwenhoven* before said Notary October 2, 1655, and an inventory of the children's jewels and clothing. They request that pursuant to the custom of our Fatherland the money of the children may be deposited with the Orphan-chamber or put out on mortgage, so that they might not be prejudiced in their rights.— Considering the request reasonable, the Orphan-

masters provisionally order, that the testament and the proof of property shall be recorded in the Secretary's office and, whereas *Couwenhoven* is at present not in good health, that he shall be spoken to about it.

Abraham Verplanck and *Andries de Haes*, guardians of the infant child of *Cornelis Hendricksen from Dort*, having been called to make, pursuant to former order, a bargain for the inheritance of the child, appear and request a delay of eight days, as they have not yet cleared and liquidated the debts and credits here. Granted.

Whereas the guardians of the minor children of *Pieter Cecer, alias Mallemock*, dec'd. have several times complained, that there are no property or means to pay all the debts and collect what is due; that they have no money to support the children in their charge, who are often brought to their house, and whereas they have requested, that some other arrangement might be made: Therefore the Orphan-masters herewith order said guardians to take the estate, as far as it is known to them, to the stewards of the dead and of the Indian sufferers or to the Deaconry, who are to clear the estate and take care of the children. Done etc January 20, 1656.

On the 24th of January I, *Jacob Kip*, Secretary, with *Paulus Leendertsen van die Grift* and *Govert*

Loockermans, administrators of the estate of *Joh. van Beeck* dec'd., have been at the house of his widow *Maria Verleth* and having read to her our authority requested her [to assist us] in making an inventory accordingly. She answered, she was not inclined nor bound to allow the taking of an inventory, as she and her husband were citizens of *Herfort* in *New England*, but, she says, she will send an answer to the next meeting of the Orphanmasters.

Extract from the Register of Resolutions of the Honourable Director General and Council of *New Netherland*, made at their meeting Friday, February 25, 1656.

The Burgomasters of this City have remonstrated to this Board, that the labours and cares, daily occurring in their offices, are increasing so much, that it is inconvenient, to attend as well to the duties of Orphanmasters as they would like to : they therefore request, that two worthy and respectable men be authorized and appointed, whose duty it shall be, to look after the orphans and infant children, living in the jurisdiction of this City, to administer upon their property in and without the City and oversee such administration by others. For this purpose they have named four persons, requesting the Director General and Council to elect two of them as Orphan-

masters. After due consideration the Director General and Council have chosen and confirmed from the nomination, as they hereby do, *Poulus van die Grift* and *Pieter Wolfertsen van Couwenhoven.* Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N. on the day, as above.

Below stood: Agrees with said Register.

C. v. RUYVEN, Secry.

Agrees with the original.

JACOB KIP, Secretary.

Whereas *Cornelis Groesen* and his wife *Lysbet N.* have come to their death during the last disaster with the Indians and it is reported, that they have left some goods at the house of *Jan Schryver*, the tailor, therefore the Orphanmasters *P. Leendertsen van die Grift* and *Pieter Wolf. van Couwenhoven*, having deemed it advisable to take an inventory of these goods, so that the children, now captives of the Indians, when they return, may have the benefit of them and debtors as well as creditors may come to their rights, this inventory was taken by the Orphanmasters in the presence of the Deacons of this City on the 20th of April 1656, as more fully appears by the record of inventories and as some goods were found, which would be of no use to the children and as money is required, to ransom them and to pay outstanding debts, the Orphanmasters have decided to sell to the highest bidder at auction

the movable goods, which was done on May 4th, 1656 and recorded May 5th. Agreeably to the notice affixed, everybody is notified, that if he has anything to claim from the estate, left by *Cornelis Groesen* dec'd he must report it between to-day and next Monday, May 8th, to the Secretary of this City, *Jacob Kip*, with specifications and proofs under the penalty of being debarred with his claim in the future. Done this 5th of May 1656.

By order of the Orphanmasters,

Jacob Kip, Secretary.

May 16, 1656. At the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Paulus Leendertsen van die Grift* and *Pieter van Couenhoven.*

Read and examined the account of the estate of *Cornelis Groesen* dec'd, covering as well what said Groesen owes according to claims handed in, as what is due for goods bought etc. to the estate. The following statement was drawn up:

The Estate of Cornelis Groesen dec'd

Dr.			Cr	
1656		1656		
May 16,	To the following creditors	May 9,	By goods left and sold at public auction .	f.468.7
"	Dirck van Schelluyne, on behalf of Corn. Jansen of Emden, as per note, .	f.366.		
"	Augustyn Hermans	10.		
"	Judick Verleth,	41.9		
		"	balance of purchase-money of house & lot as per contract, .	500.

Dr.			Cr.	
1656			1656	
May 16	David Provoost dec'd, . .	28.7	May 9	interest on said f.500 according to bill of sale, to the last payment in 1660 at 9. p. c. p. a., . . 135.
"	Hend^r. Jansen van Naerden, carpenter as per contract & account,	16.10		
"	Aert Willemsen per a/c, . . .	24.8		The land lies waste and unsold.
"	Andries Jochemsen	7.3		
"	la Montagne & Mr. Hans, . .	30.		
"	Hend^r. the baker,	12.17		
"	Claes Pietersen Kos,	8.		
"	Willem Beeckman,	25.		
"	Abram Clock, .	17.14		
"	Walbrugh de Silla,	10.15		
"	Jan Peeck, . .	41.		
"	Jacob Strycker, .	4.		
"	Jan Schryver for victuals for the children and making clothes, .	48.		
"	Jacob Kip, advanced for necessary clothing, . .	142.		
"	Expenses in ransoming the children, for the boy, . fl.60	154.		
	for the girl, " 94			
"	Hendr. Hendr., the tailor, . .	27.		
"	Isaac de Foreest, .	8.		
		fl.1022.3		fl.1103.7

After examining the account of the estate of *Cornelis Groesen* dec'd the Orphanmasters find, that for

the present only 80 per cent of the money in hand can be distributed. Therefore the following list was made and *Secretary Kip* is hereby ordered to pay the amounts:

Augustyn Heermans,	fl.	8
Judick Verleth,	"	32
David Provoost dec'd,	"	12
Hendrick Jansen, the carpenter,	"	12
Aert Willemsen,	"	19
Andries Jochemsen,	"	6
Montagne & Mr. Hans,	"	24
Hendrick the baker,	"	10
Claes Pietersen Kos,	"	6
Willem Beeckman,	"	20
Abram Clock,	"	12
d'Silla,	"	8
Jan Peeck 5 fl. in cash and the balance next year, when the money for the house is rec'd,	"	5
Jacob Strycker,	"	3
Hen^{d}. Hend^{d}., the tailor,	"	20
Isack Foreest,	"	6
Jacob Kip,	"	108
The Orphanchamber for the ransom,	"	100
Jan Schryver for board & wages,	"	48

Dirck van Schelluyne is assigned upon the payment for the house according to the following bond. Done etc May 16, 1656.

P. L. van die Grift
Pieter van Couenhoven

Before the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. appeared *Joseph Geresolveert Waldron* and promised to pay as his own debt to the attorney of *Cornelis Jansen* from *Emden* from the yearly instalments, which he owes for a house and lot, pursuant to bill of sale of April 3, 1655, bought from *Cornelis Groesen*, to-wit now in cash fl. 145, in April 1657 fl. 100 in April 1658 fll. 121, each punctually, under bond of his person and property, real and personal, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts and specially binding said house and lot, so that by default of payment the money may be recovered and collected without loss and expense.

In witness whereof this has been signed by said *Joseph Waldron* in the presence of the Orphanmasters at Amsterdam in N. N. May 16, 1656.

P. L. van die Grift
Pieter van Couwenhoven

Signed: Joseph Waldron
In my presence
Jacob Kip, Secretary.

May 18, 1656. At the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.[3]

[3] Names as before.

Having seen and considered the testament, made by *van Couwenhoven* and his deceased wife *Hester Jans*, also the statement made by *Jacob van Couwenhoven* to his children with the inventory of clothing and jewelry, the Orphanmasters resolve, that said *Couwenhoven* shall be summoned as soon as possible, to give a mortgage on his real estate as security to his children for the property, inherited from their mother.

Wednesday, June 7, 1656. At the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.

Govert Loockermans, one of the guardians of the infant children of *Jacob van Couwenhoven* and his late wife *Hester Jans*, appearing reports, that the clothing and jewelry, proved by inventory to belong to the children of *Couwenhoven* and *Hester Jans* are being used, given away and alienated; he therefore requests, that to prevent further alienation they may be given to the grandmother of *Hester Jans*. *Jacob van Couwenhoven* then appeared upon summons and denied, that a single piece of the children's property had ever been used or given away, and that everything is still at his house according to inventory and he is ready to deliver it, if he is given a document, that the clothing and other perishable things shall be secured against spoiling. The request of *Govert Loockermans* having been deemed reasonable, the Orphanmasters order, that the clothing and jewelry, proved to belong to the children, shall be delivered

to the grandmother, to be kept by her safely and carefully for the best of the children.

Jacob van Couwenhoven has further, in the presence of two Schepens of this City, executed a bond and mortgage on his large stone dwelling and brewhouse to secure the money belonging to his children on their mother's side, as more fully appears by the Secretary's records.

By the ship *d' Wagh.*

Whereas it has pleased our Lord God, to take *Cornelis Groesen* and wife out of this world in the last encounter with the Indians and to let their two children remain the prisoners of the Indians for some time, from which captivity they were ransomed in the spring, we have thought it advisable, having learned that you are the next blood relation of good estate and means, to send these children herewith over to you and to inform you of the condition of their inheritance, namely that we have inventoried the property and sold it to the highest bidder at public auction; we have made the creditors prove their claims and have paid them out of the proceeds of the sale and the outstanding credits provisionally 80 p. cent, as you may see by the enclosed inventory, bill of sale and balance sheet.

The lands, on which the deceased lived, lie waste and if you should deem it advisable to sell them for the benefit of the orphans, you may inform us and we will make use of the best opportunity.

We have fitted out here the children as well as possible and as the situation allowed for the voyage on the ship *de Wagh*, their passage and board have been paid here by somebody else and you may repay the money to the bearer of the document. Commending you to the merciful protection of the Lord we remain

Your affectionate friends

The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N.

Done June 9, 1656.

P. S. If the friends wish a fuller specification of the debts and will let us know it, they shall receive it.

Addressed: Worthy, Very Discreet, the Grandfather or in his absence the nearest friends of the minor children of *Cornelis Groesen* dec'd.

Tuesday, October 31, 1656, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.

The Burgomasters and Schepens having ordered us, the Orphanmasters *P. L. van die Grift* and *P. van Couwenhoven*, by marginal note (*apostil*) on the petition of *Rynier Rycken* to adjust the differences between sayd *Rycken* and *Elizabeth Greveraer*, widow of *Elbert Elbertsen*, over the administration of the estate by *Rycken*,

Therefore, pursuant to the order of said Court we have read the answer and claim of said widow and having heard both sides, we find that *Rynier Rycken*

has sold by order of the Orphanmasters [4] the goods of said *Elbertsen* dec'd, of which he produced an account with acquaintances and whereas the other side raises no other question, than over the commission, charged by said *Rynier Rycken*, the widow having had to take wampum on her first arrival and now claiming interest, therefore we decide that first an absolute judgment must be given and we consider it necessary to report our opinion to the Court, who will dispose of the case.

Concerning the commission, the Orphanmasters decide, that 5 p. c. are due to *Rynier Rycken*, as he has sold the goods by order.

Concerning the elk hides, bought for wampum, it appears by the confession of *Lysbet Greveraer*, that *Rynier* has offered them to her, but that she refused to take them saying, he had taken the heaviest from them and shipped them for his own account, which he offers to deny under oath, affirming, that they were the same hides, which were bought for wampum and which he therefore holds for his own account. All this the Orphanmasters consider reasonable.

Concerning the claim of wampum, we find by affidavit, that *Rynier Rycken* has offered it to her and she refused it: therefore we decide, that *Rynier Rycken* may pay in wampum, which he still offers, on condition of giving a proper acquittance without owing any interest.

Concerning the five beavers, which *Rynier* proves

[4] Supra, Minutes of Novbr. 16.

by a receipt for half an *aem* [5] of wine, paid to *Jacob Backer* at the funeral, the Orphanmasters refer to the Court, whether they ought to be repaid or brought into the account of wampum. Done etc October 31, 1656.

At this meeting the letter and books, sent to the Orphanmasters by the Director General and Council at the request of Secretary *van Ruyven* were opened and looked into, but as the time is past, the matter is deferred and nothing done.

Tuesday, November 28, 1656, at the City Hall.

Whereas *Aryaentie Cornelis*, widow of *Cornelis Claesen Swits*, intending to marry again with *Albert Leendersen*, bachellor, has now six living children, procreated by said *Swits*, to whom before the solemnization of the marriage a sworn statement of the property, inherited from their father must be given, so that when they come of age and marry, they may have what is their own, Therefore the Orphanmasters of this City of Amsterdam in N. N. herewith commission as guardians, with the consent of said *Aryaentie Cornelis*, *Egbert Woutersen* and *Harmen Smeman*, who are hereby authorized to make on behalf of said children with the widow such an estimate of the paternal inheritance, real and personal estate, debts and credits, as they think equity requires, to report it to the Orphanmasters before the

[5] Am, aum, awm = 41 gallons English.

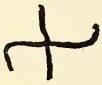
marriage and have it approved. Done etc. November 28, 1656.

By order etc JACOB KIP, Secretary.

The guardians commissioned as above were called in and accepted the charge.

On the 2d of December 1656 appeared before the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. *Aryaentie Cornelis*, widow of *Cornelis Claesen Swits*, dec'd., assisted by her present fiancé *Albert Leendersen* on one side, and *Egbert Woutersen* with *Harmen Smeeman*, guardians, appointed by the Orphanmasters, on the other side, who declared that in conformity with the order of the Orphanmasters they had agreed with each other for the six infant children, born by the said *Aryaentie Cornelis* as wife of *Cornelis Claesen*, namely *Claes*, 16 years old, *Isack* 13 yrs, *Jacob* 11 yrs. *Apolonia* 8 yrs., *Cornelis* 4 yrs, and *Cornelia* about 1 year, concerning their paternal estate as follows: Whereas *Aryaentie Cornelis* and *Albert Leendersen* have made an estimate of the property, means, debts and credits, left behind, they herewith promise honestly to bring up the six children aforesaid, to feed them, to take care of them, to have them taught to read and write, to have them learn an honest trade, as their state and condition may allow, and when they come of age or marry to fit them out decently; also besides the foregoing to give to each child upon coming of age the sum of 25 Carolusguilders in cash, that is to all children 150 fl.

and as security *Aryaentie Cornelis* and *Albert Leendersen* bind their persons and property, real and personal, nothing excepted, especially the land and dependencies, hitherto occupied by them, situate on the *Island* of *Manhatans* near the farm of *Jochem P^r Kuyter* dec'd., mortgaging the same herewith, that said sum of money may thereby be recovered. Having thus agreed they further promise on both sides, to fulfill this agreement, submitting to all courts and laws. In witness whereof they have all signed this. Done etc

This is  the mark of Egbert Woutersen, made by himself.

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The guardians of the infant children of *Jacob van Couwenhoven* appearing before the Orphanmasters of this City complain, that said *Couwenhoven* had again mortgaged his property, which might cause his children to lose their maternal inheritance. They therefore request, that *Couwenhoven* may be ordered to give to them, as guardians, without delay a correct account and statement of his property, including debts and credits. Considering this request rea-

sonable the Orphanmasters cause *Jacob van Couwenhoven* to be summoned, who on appearing asks for delay, until January next, which is granted and said *Couwenhoven* promises to give to the guardians on the first of January next a correct statement of his estate with debts and credits. In default thereof he promises to deliver to the guardians all his books and accounts or else they may take the same out of his house without opposition, to draw up themselves or through others the desired statement and balance sheet. For the carrying out whereof he binds his person and property, nothing excepted, subject to all laws. In witness etc. December 19, 1656.

JACOB VAN COUWENHOVEN

January 23^{d}, 1657, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.

Whereas *Claes Pietersen Kos*, widower of *Neel Engels* dec'd., is engaged to marry *Grietie Maes*, widow of *Claes Teunissen* dec'd., and whereas said *Claes Pietersen Kos* has had by said *Neel Engels* a child, named *Marretie*, now nearly 2 years old, Therefore the Orphanmasters of this City, desiring to do their official duty to secure to said child the maternal estate due her, have with the consent of said *Kos* elected as guardians for said child *Michiel Jansen* and *Egbert Woutersen*, who called to the City Hall accept the charge and are herewith commissioned and authorized as such guardians conscientiously to settle with *Claes Pietersen* either by

inventory and appraisement of the estate left behind or by agreement, as they shall think fit, what is due to the child, which they are to report to the Orphanmasters and secure by mortgage upon lands or other real property. Done etc.

We, the underwritten *Michiel Jansen* and *Egbert Woutersen*, appointed by the Orphanmasters on the 23^{d} of this month of January and authorized as guardians of the infant child of *Claes Pietersen Cos* by his deceased wife *Neel Engels*, about 2 years old, to settle with said *Cos* either by inventory and appraisement of the whole estate left or by agreement, what is the property of said child,—have considered it best for the child, as *Claes Pietersen Cos* is engaged to marry *Grietie Maes*, the widow of *Claes Teunissen*, to appraise the whole estate, debts and credits: which having been done we have agreed with said *Cos*, as he by his signature here acknowledges, that he shall take care of said child with food and clothing, until she comes of age or marries and meanwhile he is to make her learn, as opportunity offers, to read, write, sew and some other useful knowledge; that he shall settle upon the child and when she is of age or marries pay to her 200 fl. by which she shall consider herself satisfied for her maternal estate. Said *Claes Pietersen Cos* binds as security for the 200 fl. his person and property, especially his farm at *Gemoenepae*, for which he promises to execute a mortgage in proper form.

Thus done and signed by us at Amsterdam in N. N. January 23, 1657. Signed: *Michiel Jansen*, the mark of *Egbert Woutersen*, the mark of *Claes Pietersen Cos;* on the side: *W. Bogardus* as witness, *Balthasar Beyardt* as witness; beneath:

In my presence, *C. van Ruyven*, Secretary in the service of the Priv. W. I. Co. etc.

Agrees with the original in date and signatures.

C. v. RUYVEN, Secry.

Whereas according to extract from the Resolutions of the Director General and Council of N. N., dated February 13 a. c., *Olof Stevensen van Cortlant*, has been elected as Orphanmaster from the nomination of Burgomasters and Schepens, vice *Paulus Leendertsen van die Grift*, Therefore said *Cortland* is hereby requested and authorized, to serve in and carry out the duties of said office as well as possible according to the laudable customs of our Fatherland, with *Pieter van Couwenhoven*, for the next year. Done etc this 19th of February, 1657.

By order of Burgomasters & Schepens.

JACOB KIP, Secry.

March 22, 1657, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant.*

Read and considered cases, lately before the Orphans Court.

It is learned, that *Madaleen Derkx*, widow of

Cornelis of *Dort*, whose bans for a new marriage have been published, has not yet made a settlement of the paternal estate upon her infant child: therefore the guardians appointed were called to report, how far they have progressed in the matter, but as neither the guardians nor said *Madaleen* were at hand or came, nothing has been done; it was only decided, that she should not be allowed to marry, before she had made a settlement on her child.

It is also decided to order, that an answer should be written to the letter from the friends of the children of *Jan* of *Rotterdam* dec'd and for that purpose a draught was made.

March 28, 1657, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Olof Stevensen van Cortlant.*

Whereas *Madaleen Dircks*, widow of *Cornelis Hendricksen* from *Dort* deceased, is now about to marry *Harmen Hendricksen* from *Bergen* in Norway, and whereas the Orphanmasters have decided, that first a settlement of the paternal estate on the child must be made, Therefore the guardians, appointed by the Orphanmasters, to-wit *Abraham Verplanck* and *Andries de Haes*, were called with said *Madaleen* and appearing they delivered a statement of the whole estate, debts and credits, means and effects, and declared to have settled with the widow, that she shall assume half of all the present or still to be discovered debts and that she is to give to the child

besides an honest bringing up the sum of 500 fl cash for the inheritance from the father, to be paid at the time of coming of age or of marriage, for which she is to mortgage the house, in which she now lives; provided however, that if anything is paid in from unsettled accounts, as of *Pieter Jacobsen* Luytenant (?) and —— *Adamsen*, then the child is to have a just half.

Having examined the accounts and the foregoing agreement the Orphanmasters approve the same, thanking the guardians for having so far done their duty and requesting them faithfully to continue in their guardianship and take good care of the interests of said child, as to good guardians behooves. Done etc.

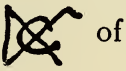
Meeting of the Orphanmasters May 11, 1657.

Whereas *Tryntie Clasen*, widow of *Stoffel Harmensen*, cloth worker, perished in the attack of the Indians in 1655, now intends to marry *Rut Joosten van Brunt*, bachellor, whereas said *Stoffel Harmensen* has left with *Tryntie Clasen* a minor son, by his first wife about 12 years old, and whereas the testament of said *Stoffel*, made before Notary *Judicq van der Vin* and witnesses at Amsterdam July 10, 1649, and shown to the Orphanmasters of this City, shows that said boy should have one half of his deceased father's estate, Therefore it is deemed necessary, that impartial parties should either by inventory or appraisement of the estate, left by said *Stoffel Har-*

mensen, look into and settle the child's share. For this purpose the Orphanmasters have requested and commissioned, as they hereby do, Sieur *Johannes Nevius* and *Jacques Corteljou*, conscientiously to settle as guardians with said *Tryntie Clasen* what is coming to said child from the estate of his father, etc etc etc. Done etc.

At the request of the Hon^ble^ *Olof Stevensen van Cortlant*, of the guardians, appointed by the Director General and Council in 1643, for the minor children of *Jan Cornelissen* from *Rotterdam*, alone now here at this place, there appeared before the Orphanmasters of this City *Claes Carstensen* from *Sant* in Norway, 50 years old, *Evert Duyckingh* from *Borcken*, 36 years old, and *Isack Kip* from *Amsterdam*, 30 years old, Burghers and inhabitants of this City, who testified and declared on their word and offering to confirm it under oath, if required, that there are still living here in the City, three infant children of said *Jan Cornelissen*, killed in the Indian war of 1643, and his wife *Aeltie Jans* from *Bremen*, who died here in 1645, named *Jan*, now about 17, *Marretie*, now about 18 and *Cornelis*, now about 15 years old, all bound out here and living *Jan* with *Cornelis Jansen Clopper*, mastersmith, *Marretie* with affiant *Isack Kip*, *Cornelis* with affiant *Evert Duyckingh*, having lived at these places for a longer or shorter period. Affiants give as reasons for knowing the foregoing, that they were very familiar with

and well knew said *Jan Cornelissen*, his wife and the said children, as long as they have been in the country, and that the children are therefore the heirs of *Jan Cornelissen* and wife. Herewith closing their testimony they offer, as before, to confirm it under oath, if required and in witness they have signed it in presence of the Orphanmasters May 11, 1657.

Signed: The mark  of Claes Carstensen

Evert Duyckingh
Isack Kip

As confirmation of the foregoing affidavit the seal of the City has been affixed to it by the Presiding Burgomaster June 4, 1657. Seal.

Honourable, Wise, Prudent Gentlemen

Whereas we, Orphanmasters of this City, have received a letter from a certain *Annetie Claes*, by which we are informed, that the minor children of one *Jan Cornelissen* of *Rotterdam*, who was killed here in 1643, have some inherited property coming to them, therefore we have deemed it necessary, to have it proved by credible citizens here, that they are the children and consequently the heirs of said *Jan Cornelissen*, who are still living here. As we are in duty bound to look after the rights of such minor orphans and to help them as well as we can, we have decided to send you the original letter and the original affidavit with the request, that you, being

in the like office, will please to take the trouble to look, by virtue of said letter and affidavit after the rights of the children in every way, by you thought necessary and when you have received the property, to deposit the money in your Orphanchamber, so that the children, when arrived at age or about to marry, may receive it. So doing, we shall always feel bound to do the same for you, when the occasion comes and requesting for the information of the children an answer, we are etc

The Orphanmasters of Amsterdam in N. N.

OLOF STEVENSEN
P. v. COUWENHOVEN

Done at Amsterdam, June 4, 1657.

Whereas *Pieter Jansen Romyn*, widower of *Dirckie Jans van Meppelen*, intends to marry again and take as wife *Maritie Juryaens* from Copenhague, spinster and whereas said *Pieter Jansen* has had by said *Dirckie Jans* a son, *Jan Pietersen*, now about 6 years old, upon whom he wishes, before marrying again, to make a settlement of his, the child's, maternal estate, Therefore, considering the necessity thereof the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. have chosen and appointed as guardians of said minor child, as they hereby do, *Jan Rutgersen*, said child's grandfather, and *Jan de Jongh*, Burgher and inhabitant here, requesting them, either by inventory of the estate, left behind, or by appraisal,

as they deem best, to agree with said *Pieter Jansen* about the child's maternal inheritance, to report as soon as possible to the Orphan Chamber and receive our approval. Done etc this 16th of June 1657.

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To-day, the 26th of June 1657, appeared before me, *Dirck van Schelluyne*, Notary Public, etc., *Pieter Jansen van Langstraat*, widower of *Dirckie Jans*, on one side, and *Jan Rutgersen Morian*, father of said *Dirckie Jans*, with Sieur *Jan Jansen de Jongh*, as guardians of said *Dirckie's* child, called *Jan Pietersen*, on the other side, who declared, that said *Pieter Jansen*, intending to marry again, had agreed with the parties of the second part concerning the bargain for the child's maternal inheritance as follows, subject to the Orphanmasters' approval:

Pieter Jansen promises, honestly to bring up and educate his son, to make him learn reading, writing, a good trade or liberal art, so that he may earn his living in due time, and to have him instructed in the true Reformed Christian religion, as a good father is bound to do, all within his means, until said child shall be 18 years old, when he promises to pay for the behoof of the boy the sum of 175fl. in good current pay, which sum he, *Pieter Jansen*, shall retain, until the child has attained the aforesaid age, on condition, that from now henceforward he shall pay interest thereon for the child or else, if it is

more convenient to him, turn over said sum to the Orphans Chamber here, where it shall be kept on interest. *Pieter Jansen* shall also deliver to the guardians for the child all silverware, belonging to said *Dirckie Jans* in her life time, against which he shall remain in possession and ownership of the estate and take upon himself the payment of any debts, claimed to be due from said estate, without any charge being made to the child. Both parties declare, to have agreed to the foregoing, subject to approval as aforesaid and they both promise not to do nor allow to be done anything contrary to it, but faithfully, each on his side, to carry it out under bond of their respective persons and property, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts. Thus done and executed at Amsterdam in N. N. in the presence of Sieur *Hend^k Huygen* and *Gysbert op Dyck*, Court Messenger as witnesses.

Signed PIETER JANSEN
JAN ROETGENS
JAN JANSEN DE JONGH
HENDRICK HUYGEN
GYSBERT OP DYCK
D. v. SCHELLUYNE, Not. Publ.

Having seen and examined the preceding agreement and bargain the Orphanmasters approve and ratify it, as they thereby do, thanking the guardians for their work. Done this 28th of June 1657.

Whereas *Jan J. Damen* has died and *Corn. van Tienhoven* is absent, who with the Hon^ble^ *Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant* were by Director General and Council appointed guardians of the infant children of *Jan Cornelissen* from *Rottendam*, and whereas the Orphanmasters of this City consider it necessary, that the vacancy may be filled by a proper person, that the said children may be taken care of and employed, Therefore the said Orphanmasters have chosen as guardian in place of the former *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen*, who is hereby authorized, with the Hon^ble^ *Oloff Stevensen* aforesaid to look after said children and to dispose of them, as shall be most useful and beneficial to the said children. Thus done etc., July 2, 1657.

Whereas *Tryntje Hendricks*, widow of *Cors Pietersen*, intends to become the wife of *Fredrick Lubbersen*, widower of *Styntje Hendricks*, and whereas said *Tryntje* has three infant children by *Cors Pietersen*, and wishes before her re-marriage to settle upon said children their paternal inheritance, so that when they come of age or marry they may receive, what is due to them, Therefore the Orphanmasters commission as guardians *Pieter Stoutenburgh* and *Jurrien Blanck*, Burghers and inhabitants here, who are hereby authorized, to make with said widow as guardians of the children either by inventory or by appraisal of the estate, including debts

and credits such an agreement on behalf of the children, as they shall deem best, subject to the approval of the Orphans' Chamber, when reported. Done Septbr. 16, 1657.

Whereas *Tryntje Jacobs*, widow of *Jacob Walingh*, intends to become the wife of *Jacob Stoffelsen*, widower of his little wife *Eydens*, and whereas said *Tryntje Jacobs* has six minor children by said *Jacob Walingh* and wishes before her re-marriage to settle upon said children their paternal estate, to be received by them, when they come of age or marry, Therefore the Orphanmasters, with the knowledge and approval of said widow, appoint as guardians Sieur *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift*, at present first Burgomaster, and *Mighiel Jansen*, Burgher and inhabitant here, who are hereby authorized etc. etc. etc. ut supra. October 16, 1657.

Wednesday, November 28 [1657], at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* and *Olof Stevensen Cortlant.*

Whereas *Roelof Jansen*, mason, has died at the house of *Arent Lauwerensen* on the 16th of this month of November 1657 and whereas said *Arent Lauwerensen* by a petition to the Burgomasters and Schepens of this City has requested, that they would please to direct and authorize one or two persons, to sell at public auction to the highest bidder according to inventory the property, left by said *Roelof*

Jansen, that thus might be paid the expenses of his funeral, his house rent and other known and unknown debts, Therefore their said Worships *in margine* of the petition order the Orphanmasters to enter upon said estate and to do therewith what ought to be done and they herewith authorize and direct Sieur *Mattheus de Vos*, Notary Public, and *Arent Lauwerensen* to have the estate sold at auction by the Secretary of the Burgomasters and Schepens as well as of the Orphanmasters, whereby the debts, as above stated, shall be paid and the surplus handed to them, to dispose of as they shall find best.

Done etc date as above.

Whereas *Anna Cornelis* has died lately, to-wit on the 2^{d} of October 1657, and has left a minor son by her first marriage, named *Jacob Jacobsen*, Therefore the Orphanmasters have found it necessary to commission some persons as guardians and hereby direct and authorize *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius*, to make with *Lauwerens Lauwerensen*, the husband of the deceased *Anna Cornelis*, such arrangements concerning the property due her said child from her, as they shall think best, etc.

November 28, 1657.

To-day, the 19th of September 1657, appeared before me, *Dirck van Schelluyne*, Notary Public

etc. and the below named witnesses, the virtuous *Tryntje Hendricks*, widow of *Cors Pietersen*, assisted by *Fredrick Lubbersen*, her present fiancé and chosen guardian, parties of the first part, and Sieur *Pieter Stoutenburgh* with *Jurriaen Blanck*, guardians of the three children of said *Tryntje* and *Cors*, who declared, after having made an estimate of the estate and considered the statement of debts and credits, as far as they, the guardians, could discover them, they had agreed with each other concerning the settlement of their paternal estate for the children as follows : First, said *Tryntje Hendricks* shall be held and promises honestly to bring up her said three children, named *Cornelis Corssen*, 12 years old, *Pieter* 6 years and *Hendrick Corssen*, 3 years, as well as she can, to have them taught reading, writing and a good trade or occupation, so that in time to come they may earn their own living, further to instruct them in the fear of the Lord and in religious exercises and to do all, a good mother is bound to do, until said children shall have come of age or marry ; then she is to give to each child the sum of 600 fl. in such money or pay, as then shall be current here, besides she shall then furnish to each a good parcel of clothing, six shirts, six . . . six handkerchiefs, inscribing the aforesaid 1800 fl. for her sons specially upon her house and lot on the Northside of *Pearl* Street in this City, bounded on the South by said street, on the West by *Isaack Grevenraad*, on the North by Fort Amsterdam, on

the East by *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and generally binding her person and property, real and personal, present and future etc. etc. etc.

Signed: This is the mark of

Carel van Brugge, testis
Hans Kierstede

Tryntje Hendricks
Fredrick Lubbersen
Pieter Stoutenburgh
Jurriaen Blanck

Dirck van Schelluyne, Not. Publ.

Wednesday, December 12 1657, present the Orphanmasters.

Anna Claas, with Sieur *Mattheus de Vos*, Notary Public, and with *Arent Lauwerensen* administrator of the estate of *Roelof Jansen*, mason, dec'd, appeared and proved by the affidavits of two credible persons, that said *Roelof Jansen* dec'd had given her in his lifetime his everyday clothing, his gun, powderhorn and what belonged to it; she also produces an account for house rent, for care taking and money advanced, amounting to 99 fl. 18 st., wherein are included 7 beavers, the balance being in wampum. She requests, that the affidavits and the account may be approved. The Orphanmasters approve the affidavits and account, ordering their Secretary to pay the account after deducting what the husband of said *Anna Claas* has bought from the estate.

The Orphanmasters resolve to have the Company's books examined, as they have learned that *Jo geltje* of the pavier, living at N. Stil (?) across the Fresh Water, has some goods.

Friday, January 11 1658, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.[6]

At the meeting appeared *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius*, administrators and guardians of the estate of *Anna Cornelis* and of her son *Jacob Jacobsen*, who produced the inventory of as much as they could find of said estate and stated, as part of the goods were missing they could do no more. *Lauwerens Lauwerensen* and *Jacob Jacobsen* appeared and *Lauwerens* was informed, that following the customs and laws of the Fatherland it had been considered necessary to appoint administrators for the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd and that much of it was missing. He answers, that over 400 fl. were paid for funeral expenses and if anything is missing he does not know, where it is. The Orphanmasters order *Lauwerens Lauwerensen* to give a satisfactory account to the administrators and to make an agreement with them, also that the missing property shall be offset by the funeral expenses; the administrators were to dispose of the goods to the best advantage of the estate and benefit of *Anna Cornelis'* son.

[6] Same as before.

Tuesday, April 2 1658, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Wilhelmus Beeckman.*

Mattheus de Vos entering produced the account of the estate, left by *R. Jansen*, mason, and is directed and authorized to collect the debts and pay the creditors. *Mighiel Jansen* and *Jan Eversen Bout* were directed and authorized as administrators to regulate the estate of *Bruyn Barenzen.*

Whereas *Bruyn Barenzen*, late cooper at *Breuckelen*, has died at the house of *Mighiel Jansen* on the 12th of February of this year 1658, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City of Amsterdam in N. N. request and commission *Jan Eversen Bout* with *Mighiel Jansen* to administer upon the estate left by said *Bruyn Barenzen*, to sell his goods at public auction and to inform the Orphanmasters of the amounts received. Thus done etc, April 2, 1658.

By order etc etc etc

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secry.

Tuesday, May 28 1658, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* and *Wilhelmus Beeckman.*

Before the Board appeared *Abraham Verplanck* and *Andrees de Haas*, who stated,—whereas *Grytje Dircks*, widow of *Jan Nagel* and now engaged to marry again, has appointed them guardians of the children of *Jan Nagel* dec'd and of her first husband

Jan Schutt, of whom there is still living a daughter, called *Fytje Jans*, 7 years old, and the two children by *Jan Nagel*, to-wit a son, called *Jurriaen Jansen Nagel*, 5 years old, and a daughter, called *Styntje Jansen Nagel*, 2½ years old,—they had made with the widow, now engaged to marry again, the following agreement concerning the paternal inheritances of the children, to-wit: the oldest child, *Fytje Jans*, daughter of *Jan Schutt*, is to receive 150 fl. and the two others, the children by *Jan Nagel*, are to have, each for his share, 75 fl: this agreement having been made in presence of her future husband, she binds for the carrying out of it by special mortgage the house and lot, now by her occupied, on the North-side of *Hoogh* [now *Stone*] *Street* opposite to the Hall. *Grytje Dircks* also appearing before the Board declares, the agreement is as the guardians have stated.

Wednesday, August 28, 1658, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters.[7]

Orphanmaster *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* produces a letter, received through Court Messenger *Pieter Schabanck* which having been opened was found to have been written and sent by the Hon^ble^ *Alrichs* from the South River and to report the death of *Cristiaen Barensen* on the 26^th^ of July, 1658, with a statement by inventory of his estate and the request to assist his widow.

[7] As before.

On the 6th of September, 1658, appeared at the Secretary's office Orphanmaster *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* with *Jeems Bradis* and said, whereas *Tomas Tanikraft* and wife had died, *Jeems Bradys* and *Jan Teunissen* should be appointed guardians of their children and administrators of the estate; he also ordered to give to *Jeems Bradys* a deed of authority as follows:

Whereas now lately, i. e. on the 28th of August, *Tomas Tanikraft* and on the 30th his wife *Jeen Tanikraft* have died, leaving two infant children, named *Mery* and *Willem*, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City of Amsterdam in N. N. herewith appoint *Jeems Bradys* and *Jan Teunissen* guardians and overseers, who are hereby authorized and qualified to enter upon the estate left behind, to make an inventory of it, to report the same to the Orphanmasters, to take care of the children and to treat them as good guardians are bound to do. Thus done etc. Septbr. 6, 1658.

By order etc

Joannes Nevius, Secretary.

Monday, September 23, 1658, present Messrs. *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift*, acting as Orphanmaster in place of *Wilhelmus Beeckman*, Orphanmaster *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* and *Olof Stevensen Cortlant.*

Before the Board appeared *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen*, who stating, that *Lauwerens Jansen*[8]

[8] Previously called Lauwerens Lauwerensen.

is about to sail for Holland, request that he shall first render account and reliqua and that *Jacob Jacobsen*, the son of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd., shall give a receipt for what he has had from the estate. *Lauwerens Jansen* and *Jacob Jacobsen* appearing are informed of the request of *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen* as administrators with *Jacob Jacobsen* of the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd. for an account and reliqua, to which *Lauwerens Jansen* replies, he is willing to do so by stating before the Board, what he has received and expended as noted down by Burgomaster *P. L. van der Grift.* He was ordered to give account and reliqua to the administrators in the presence of *Mattheus de Vos*, Notary, and to settle differences, which might arise, the Hon^ble^ *Allard Anthony* and *Isaack Grevera* are appointed as arbitrators by the following order:

Whereas *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen* have been appointed by the Orphanmasters of this City, administrators of the estate, left by *Anna Cornelis*, and they cannot agree with *Lauwerens Jansen*, widower of said *Anna Cornelis*, concerning the accounting for and the proceeds from said estate, Therefore the said Orphanmasters, in the presence of the Worshipful Burgomasters, order said *Lauwerens Jansen* to render account and reliqua of said estate to the administrators in the presence of *Notary Mattheus de Vos* within 24 hours and to prevent all differences, which might arise, Treasurer *Allard Anthony* and *Isaacq Grevera* are hereby

authorized as arbitrators to reconcile parties and adjust the accounts.

Done etc. September 23, 1658.

By order etc.

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Whereas *Barent Oesterman* has died on the 23d of September, 1658, leaving some property here and some debts, while also some money may be found outstanding and whereas the creditors ought to have what is due them and the funeral expenses be paid, therefore *Jan Schryver* and *Nicolaas Velthuysen* are hereby ordered by the Orphanmasters, to collect the property and outstanding debts and to report by inventory to the Orphanmasters for the benefit of the creditors. Thus done etc September 26, 1658.

By order etc

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Whereas *Jan Hutsitson* has died at the house of *Herry Bresar* and has left there some property, for which administrators must be appointed, therefore the Worshipful Burgomasters of this City in the absence of the Orphanmasters herewith authorize and qualify *Tomas Hal* and *Isaac Grevera* to enter upon said estate, to make an inventory thereof, to report it and to bring the property in deposit at the City Hall. Thus done etc October 11, 1658.

By order etc

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

On the 12th of October, 1658, the administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. brought to the City Hall, pursuant to the foregoing order said *Jan Hutsitson's* property, namely:

A bundle of 28 whole beavers, a box with 39 whole beavers, covered with a little coat, another box containing: a bundle of gray serge clothing, black cloth breeches, a silk sash, a pair of old blue stockings, a pair of stockings, a waistcoat, a pair of shoes, a castor, a striped pillow case, a shirt, two bands, a pair of stockings; a box with carpenter's tools. All was listed by the Secretary *Joannes Nevius* in the presence of the administrators. Date as above.

Whereas *Jan Schryver* was appointed by the Orphanmasters September 26 administrator of the estate of *Barent Oesterman*, who died September 23, 1658, and whereas said estate has been sold by the administrator, but the outstanding debts have not yet been collected, therefore the Burgomasters in the absence of the Orphanmasters herewith appoint as co-administrator *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, who is to collect the outstanding debts for the benefit of the creditors. Thus done etc October 14, 1658.

By order etc.

Tuesday, October 15, 1658, afternoon, at the City Hall present Burgomasters *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* and *Oloff Stevensen Cortlant* in absence of the Orphanmasters.

Herry Bresar appearing before the Board is directed to state, what he knows of the debts due to *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. and he produces an account against and a note of hand of *Isaaq Allerton* senior in favor of said *Jan Hutsitson* to the amount of 426 fl., declaring he knows of no other.

Tomas Hall, administrator of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd brings to the Board a translation from the English into Dutch of some data about testamentary legacies, as follows:

Translated from the English. Testament of *Jan Hutsitson.*

1658 October 4 To *Jan Hom*, son of *Joris Hom* dec'd., . . . f. 100

" Susanna Bresar, daughter of Herry Bresar, godchild, ... 120

To pay all his debts.

Herry Bresar shall not forget to give *Hendrick Lambersen* a present, for the trouble and care he has had as sick nurse. Anything to please him.

Further, the surplus of the estate shall be divided among the children of *Herry Bresar*, to-wit *Mary Bresar*, *Rebecca Bresar*, *Susanna Bresar* and *Martje Bresar*, *Susanna* to have the same

share as the others, excepting the ten pounds sterling.

Herry Bresar shall decently bury the body and pay the expenses of the funeral.

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Octobr. 9. Expenses of the funeral.

To	candles, victuals, beer and wine for the people, who watched the body, . .	f. 80.
"	two ankers of wine at the funeral, ...	48.
"	a cask of beer incl. excise & cartage, ...	27.12
"	laundry and other work for him, ...	5.
"	*Claas van Elslant*, . .	23.9
"	a broken wine glass, . .	8
"	*Master Hans* . . . f25, but is 4 beavers, . . .	32.
"	hire of *Skipper Lauwerens'* house, ...	6.
"	two dozens of pipes, . .	1.16
"	labor by *Herry Bresar*, .	10.
"	a box, ...	16.
"	a cloth cap and linnen, .	16.
"	board, lodging, washing for two years and five months at 6 fl. the week, . .	744.

To board for his tailor for one week, ...	6.
" 16 days' board, when the sloop was built, . .	13.14
" tape in wampum, payable in beavers, . . .	100.
" 53 pieces of wainscot for the boat & labor, . . .	106.
" 6 ells of linnen, . . .	9.
" beer at *Mispat* at the sloop building, . . .	6.
" *Anthony* for helping bring the sloop out of the kil, .	6.
" *Cornelis* the smith paid for *Anthony*, . . .	1.10
" 2 quartern of wine to *Egbert*, ...	1.4
" lent to him, when the sloop was brought to the *Manhattans*, ...	4.9
" wampum sent to him to the kil through *Hendrick Lambersen*, . . .	3.
	fl 1000.17

Saturday, November 9, 1658, at the City Hall present the Hon^ble^ *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* in place of Orphanmaster ——, and Orphanmaster *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven.*

Lambert Huybertsen Mol appearing before the Board was asked, what knowledge he has of the testament of *Jan Hutsitson.* He answered, that he did not know, *Jan Hutsitson* had in his testament devised anything to the son of *Joris Hom* or to the daughter of *Herry Bresar*, except that about two days before his death he had said, when asked whether he wished to have anything written, that it was already done, but he did not know by whom.

Hendrick Lambersen Mol appearing is asked, whether he knows, how long *Jan Hutsitson* has been at *Mispats Kil* building the sloop and says, he himself has been there four months and he is sure, *Jan Hutsitsen* dec'd. has been there five or six weeks before. He is further asked, whether he knows of any debts due to said *Jan Hutsitson* and whether he has ever paid anything to *Herry Bresar.* He answers, that *Herry Bresar* has received from *Hutsitson* 100fl. . . and loaned to *Goodman Bets* 11fl. . . and that a sow with two small pigs. . . *Robbert Willett.* . .[9]

Lambert Hubersen Mol and *Frerick Flipsen* are authorized, to examine and appraise what is still to be done to the yacht according to plan and contract between *Rainier Pietersen* and *Jan Hutsitson.*

Commission.

Lambert Huybersen Mol and *Frerick Flipsen* are hereby authorized by the Orphanmasters of the City

[9] Paper broken.

of Amsterdam in N. N., to estimate what according to the affidavit of *Herry Bresar* is still to be done to the sloop, to be built for *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. by *Reynier Pietersen* skipper, the partner of *Lauwerens Lauwerensen.* Done at Amsterdam in N. N. Novbr. 9, 1658.

By order etc.

The administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. wish to make with the lowest bidder a contract for labor on what is necessary to be done to a yacht, lying in the *Smits Valley*, opposite to the house and lot of *Herry Bresar*, according to the following specification, payment to be made in good, whole, merchantable beavers, when the work is done, to-wit: a mast, a yard, a bowsprit, a rudder with belongings, a capstan, three partitions below deck, a door for the cabin, to make a gunwale around the yacht, to view the overhang from above, a cathead and two trapdoors for the hawserholes. The lowest bidder is to receive half a beaver.

Simon Clasen Turck bids 12 beavers.

An offer to give out the work for 6 beavers not finding takers, *Simon Clasen Turck* has been accepted at 12 beavers and he promises to begin as soon as possible, binding for the carrying out and finishing the work his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all courts and laws. In witness hereof the original of this copy has been signed by *Simon*

Clasen in the presence of *Lambert Huybersen Mol* and *Frerick Flipsen*, who have also signed as witnesses at Amsterdam in N. N. November 12, 1658.

Signed: Simon Clasen Turck
Lambert Huybersen Mol
Frerick Flipsen

To my knowledge *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary.

The administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitsen* dec'd. will sell to the highest bidder some of his goods to be paid in good strung wampum, according to the price last fixed, within 24 hours:

Two large augers, bought by *Eldert Jurriaensen*, ... fl. 1.18
An ax and an adze bought by *Jacobus Backer*, ... " 5.15
A box with all kinds of carpenters' tool bought by *Herry Bresar*, . . . " 10.
A bundle of serge clothing b^{t} by *Hend^{k} Lambersen*, ... " 32.
A shirt with bands and a pillow b^{t} by *Stoffel Mighielsen*, ... " 10.
A pair of black cloth breeches bo^{t} by *Herry Bresar*, ... " 39.
A castor bought by *Hans Dreper*, . . " 16.
A red woman's jacket, a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, bought by *Stoffel Mighielsen*, ... " 6.10

Three pairs of stockings, a sash, a pair of old breeches, a small coat bought by *Herry Bresar*, ... fl. 11.
A small box with an old coat and some useless things bought by *Herry Bresar*, " 11.
A box bought by *Herry Bresar*, . . " 23.10

fl. 166.13

Saturday, November 16, 1658, at the City Hall present (as before).

Tomas Walron appearing before the Board is asked, what he knows of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd owing to *Herry Bresar* and is told, that he will have to swear to his statement. He says, when he lived at the crane of Mr. *Allerton*, after having left *Jan Peecq* Septbr. 17, 1657, he heard from *Jan Hutsitson*, that he owed a great sum of money to *Herry Bresar*, but he does not know how much nor has he ever heard it. He has made a written affidavit of the foregoing before Secretary *Nevius*.

Eduart Jansen appearing is asked the same question as *Tomas Walron* and his answer is shown in the affidavit signed by him before the Secretary.

Herry Bresar appearing is asked, whether he has never received any money for board from *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. during two years and five months. He answers, that *Jan Hutsitson* has never paid anything in that time. Further asked, whether he will state under oath, that so much money for board besides

the 1oofl. and the 53 pieces of wainscot are due him, he answers Yes.

Whereas the Director General and Council of New Netherland on the 21st of November, 1658, have been pleased to select from the nominations by the Burgomasters of this City in place of the late Orphanmaster *Wilhelmus Beeckman* and then resolved to appoint two Orphanmasters, instead of one, to act with the old Orphanmaster *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven*, electing *Marten Crygier* and *Joannes Pietersen Verbrugge*, Therefore said *Marten Crygier* and *Joannes Pietersen Verbrugge* are herewith requested and authorized to enter upon and take care of the duties of Orphanmasters with the Honble *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven.* Done at the meeting of the Burgomasters at Amsterdam in N. N. November 29, 1658.

By order etc.

Wednesday, December 11, 1658, at the City Hall present the Orphanmasters *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven, Marten Crygier, Joannes Pietersen Verbruggen.*

Before the Board appeared *Pieter Jansen van de Langhstraat,* who requested, whereas his child has lately died, that he might again have the silverware, belonging in her lifetime to the child's mother *Dirckie Jans* dec'd his first wife, which had been delivered to the guardians by contract. *Jan Jansen*

de Jongh and *Jan Rutgersen Moreau,*[10] late guardians of the aforesaid child, appearing are informed, that *Pieter Jansen* wishes to have the silverware of his wife, intended for the deceased child. They say, they are satisfied, and deliver with the agreement, made before Notary *Dirck van Schelluyne* June 2, 1657, some silverware to the Board. *Jan Rutgersen's* wife coming in requests permission to retain the silver-work of a knife handle, given to her deceased daughter, on condition of paying for it. *Pieter Jansen,* having been informed of this request, says he has no objection and they agreed, that she should pay 36fl.; the rest of the silverware was then delivered to *Pieter Jansen.*

Tomas Pettet, living in the *New Town,* appearing before the Board hands in an account against the children of *Tomas Tanicraft* dec'd. and is ordered to give it to the administrators and guardians *Jan Teunissen* and *Jeems Bradys.*

The Board decides to meet every Wednesday at 2 p. m. punctually; that absentees shall be fined 2fl., he, who comes an hour too late, 10 stivers, and half an hour too late, 1fl.

Wednesday, December 18, 1658, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appeared *Dirck Siecken,* who is ordered, whereas his wife has died leaving to the widower two infant children, *Jan,* 6 years, and

[10] This name is a puzzle as *Morian* and *Moreau.* See Records of New-Amsterdam.

Teunis, 2 years old, to make within eight days an inventory of his wife's property, including debts and credits, and to inform the Orphanmasters thereof, so that neither he nor the children may be injured in their possessions.

Mr. *Paulus van der Beeck* appears in the place of *Tomas Verdon's* son and is [directed], that when *Tomas Verdon* comes, he is to make a settlement of his wife's estate.

Immetje, widow of *Frans Clasen*, appearing is ordered to draw up a statement of the estate of her husband *Frans Clasen*, who died 14 days ago and to deliver the inventory to the Orphanmasters.

Geertje Hendrick, widow of *Andries Hoppe* dec'd., appearing states that her deceased husband has appointed as guardians of the children *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Lambert Huybersen Mol*, but has not made a testament. It is ordered, that said guardians shall inform the Orphanmasters by inventory of the estate of *Andries Hoppe* dec'd., real and personal, debts and credits.

Before the Board appeared Burgomaster *Olof Stevensen Cortlandt*, who is informed by the Orphanmasters of the inventory of the property of *Cristiaen Barens*, who died at the *South River*, and of the inventory of his property here, made by the widow, wherein differences appearing, with which they do not know what to do, the widow of said *Cristiaen Barens*, called *Jannetje Jans*, is called and asked, whether the payment for the house near

the Landgate[11] had been received. She answers: Yes, by *Hendrick van Dyck*, who had power of attorney from her husband. Asked about the payment for the house, where *Hendrick Hendricksen*, the tailor, lives, she says not to have received it, but it is still due and charged.

Jannetje Jans is ordered to send to the *South River* the last inventory, made here, as they have the case in hand. She says, she has asked the people on the *South River* to have the proceeds of the goods there forwarded to her, which was promised to her, if she can give bail or security. She is therefore advised, to write to the *South River*, that she will give security for the money and offers as such a house.

Commission.

Whereas *Andries Hoppe* has died and has left here besides the widow and children some property and whereas he has named, before he died, as guardians of his infant children *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Lambert Huybersen Mol*, Therefore deeming it necessary, that a proper inventory of the property may be taken to prevent loss and injury to the widow and the children in their rights and possessions, the Orphanmasters herewith order said guardians to take as soon as possible an inventory of the estate, including furniture, property, real and personal, debts and credits here in the country and to

[11] The Landgate was on Broadway, near Wall Street.

report to the Orphanmasters, who will then advise what disposition of it shall be made. Done etc Decbr. 18, 1658.

By order etc.

Wednesday, January 8, 1659, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appeared *Jeen Hom*, widow of *Joris Hom*, who, her husband having made no testament, is ordered to take an inventory of her property and call in for assistance two persons, whom she wanted, then to report it to the Orphanmasters next Wednesday, so that the children may have their paternal estate. She promises to do her best.

Ryck Hendricksen declares before the Board, that as his wife has died he has appointed as guardians of his children, called *Hendrick Rycken*, 10 years, and *Gosewyn Ryck*, 9 years old, *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, who by their commission are ordered to take an inventory of the estate and report to the Orphanmasters.

Claas Tyson appearing requests, as his wife has died, that *Jacob Strycker* and *Lauwerens Cornelissen van der Wel* be appointed guardians of the children, who are by their commission ordered to make an inventory of the property left by the deceased and to agree with *Claas Tysen* about the settlement on the children of their maternal inheritance; if they cannot come to an agreement, to report to the Orphanmasters.

Tomas Verdon appearing, his case is delayed until the arrival of *Mr. Gysbert* [*van Imbroeck*]; he says, he has a son by his deceased wife, called *Jacobus*, about 3 years old.

Gerrit Jansen Roos coming in requests, that as his wife has died, *Abraham Verplanck* and *Jan Vigne* be appointed guardians of her children, called *Pieter*, 6 years old, *Cornelia*, 4 years, and *Joannes*, 2 years, and they are by their commission directed to make an inventory of the property left by deceased and to agree with *Gerrit Jansen Roos* about the settlement on the children of their maternal inheritance, else to report to the Orphanmasters.

Tomas Hal and *Isaacq Grevera*, administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd, appearing before the Board and considering the account of *Herry Bresar* against the estate think it advisable, that *Herry Bresar* shall swear to it.

Commission for the guardians of *Ryck Hendricksen's* children.

As the wife of *Ryck Hendricksen* has died in 1658, leaving besides the widower two small children, to-wit a son, *Hendrick Rycken*, in his tenth year, and a daughter, *Gosewyn Rycken*, in her 9th year, and as *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh* have been appointed administrators and guardians of the children, Therefore thinking it necessary, that an inventory of the estate of the deceased should be made, so that neither the children nor the widower

be harmed in their rights and possessions, the Orphanmasters herewith direct said guardians, to take as soon as possible an inventory of the furniture and other property, real and personal, debts and credits, of the deceased here in this country and to deliver it to the Orphanmasters, who will advise as to how they are to act. Done etc January 8, 1659. By order etc.

Commission for the guardians of *Claas Tysen's* children.

As *Angenietje Strycker*, the wife of *Claas Tysen*, has died in the year 1658, leaving besides the widower two small children, both boys, one 9 years 10 months, the other about 4 months old, and as at the request of said *Claas Tysen* the Orphanmasters have appointed as administrators of the estate and guardians of the children Schepen *Jacob Strycker*, the brother of the deceased, and *Lauwerens Cornelissen van der Wel*, brother-in-law of said *Claas Tysen*, Therefore considering the necessity of having an inventory made of the estate of the deceased, in order that neither the widower nor the children may be harmed in their rights and possessions, said guardians are herewith authorized and directed [the same as in the preceding]. January 8, 1659.

By order etc.

Commission for the guardians of *Gerrit Jansen Roos'* children

As *Aeltie*, the wife of *Gerrit Jansen Roos*, has died in the year 1658, leaving besides the widower three small children, to-wit *Pieter*, 6 years old, *Cornelia* 4 years and *Joannes*, 2 years, and as at the request of said *Gerrit Jansen Roos* the Orphanmasters have appointed as administrators and guardians of the children *Abraham Verplanck* and *Jan Vigne*, Therefore etc. etc. etc. [as the preceding]. January 8, 1859.

Wednesday, January 22, 1659, at the City Hall present Burgomaster *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* and Orphanmasters *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven*, *Marten Crygier* and *Joannes Pietersen Verbruggen.*

The wife of *Joris Wolsy* appearing before the Board is asked, what she knew of *Jan Hutsitson* having had any silverware. She says, nothing, but what she heard *Herry Bresar's* wife say about it during *Hutsitson's* life, to-wit that he had some silverware.

Herry Bresar coming in is asked, what he wanted. He answers, money for board of and loans to *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. Then he is told, that information had been received, some silver money had been in the chest, and he is asked, whether he knows anything about it; he answers No. As the Orphanmasters and administrators have learned, that some silverware had been among the property of *Jan Hutsitson*, which *Herry Bresar* denies, it is decided to defer

the payment to *Herry Bresar* until next May and to take further information of the matter.

Claas Bordingh and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius*, administrators of the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd., coming before the Board with *Lauwerens Jansen*, ask said *Lauwerens* for payment of what is due by him to said estate, to clear the same. Asked, why he does not pay, *Lauwerens* answers, he will do it, when the land at *Vlackebos* (*Flatbush*) has been sold and the administrators ought to sell it. The administrators say, that they have had a mortgage on the land at *Flatbush* made out by Mr. *Tonneman*, but *Lauwerens Jansen* is unwilling to sign it. *Lauwerens* is asked, whether he will give sufficient security for the payment of the debts in Holland.

Claas Bordingh and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius*, as administrators, are directed to have the Court Messenger attach all the money, belonging to the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd, and now in various hands, of which they know, and to have *Lauwerens Jansen* legally summoned to bring the money, which he had from said estate within 14 days or 3 weeks and place it into the hands of the administrators ; also to take possession of the land at *Flatbush* and sell it in the presence of *Lauwerens* within 14 days.

Nicolaas Velthuysen and *Jan Schryver*, administrators of the estate of *Barent Oesterman*, request that whereas they have received an account of *Jacob Wolfersen* as offset against the bond, by him executed in favor of said *Oesterman*, the Orphanmasters

will please to examine it. As there appear in the account some items of *Joghim Beeckman* and *Tomas Hal*, *Jacob Wolfersen* is asked, how long ago *Barent Oesterman* had the goods from *Joghim Beeckman.* He replies, he does not know and declares, not to have known before of *Beeckman's* and *Hal's* claims, who had exhibited them only lately. He says, as *Barent Oesterman* dec'd. had been in his service and had helped *Tomas Hal* in brewing, he had only asked for a present to *Barent* and his daughter. *Nicolaas Velthuysen* and *Jan Schryver* are directed to go to *Joghim Beeckman*, find out the time, when the debt was contracted and report to the Orphanmasters in a week.

Tomas Wandel and *Jeems Bradys* institute their action before the Board and are ordered to come again in a fortnight.

Wednesday, January 29, 1659, at the City Hall present Orphanmasters *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven, Marten Cregier and Joannes P. Verbruggen.*

Jeems Brady states before the Board, that he has to receive from *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoeck* 166 fl. according to account, which he hands to Orphanmaster *van Couwenhoven.*

Eldert Engelberts coming with *Jeems Brady* states, he has been bail for *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoeck* for the sum of 86 fl.; on which *Jeems Brady* has still to receive from *Pieter Jansen* 10 fl. and later 7 fl.

have been paid. *Jeems Brady* is ordered to appear before the Board next Wednesday with *Eldert Engelberts* and *Hans Ketel.*

Jan Schryver appears before the Board and reports, *Tomas Hal* had said, he would send him the Court Messenger and then come himself to make known, what he has charged to *Jacob Wolfersens* account for *Barent Oesterman.* He says, *Tomas Hal* is now showing in the woods the account of *Joghim Beeckman,* charged against *Barent* by *Jacob Wolfersen.* The case is deferred until Wednesday, to have a talk with *Wolfersen* and *Hal.*

Hendrick Jansen van der Vin produces before the Board an extract from the Minutes of the Burgomasters and Schepens concerning the request for authority to make an inventory of the estate of *Gerrit Bril* dec'd., stored on the bark of *Mighiel de Karreman,* so that it may be sent South to those, who have any claim upon it. His request having been referred to the Orphanmasters, he now repeats it and the Orphanmasters authorize *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* and skipper *Jacob Jansen Huys* to collect and make an inventory of as much of the property of *Gerrit Bril* dec'd, as there may be.

Order.

Whereas *Gerrit Bril* has lately died in this City of Amsterdam in N. N., having shipped on the yacht of *Mighiel Paulussen* some goods with the intention of taking them to *New Amstel* on the *South River*

Therefore the Orphanmasters at the request of *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* deeming it necessary, that a list of said goods and all others here in the City be made, hereby authorize and qualify said *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* and with him *Jacob Jansen Huys*, skipper of the galliot *New Amstel*, to have an inventory of said goods made by a Notary and to send it by first opportunity to those, who have a right to it. Done, date as above.

Wednesday, February 12, 1659, at the City Hall present (as before).

Dirck Siecken appearing before the Board is asked, whether he has made an inventory of the property, left by his deceased wife. He answers No, saying he cannot do it and asks the Board, whether he may not make an agreement with the Orphanmasters about the property, inherited by his children from their mother. He is told, he may, when the inventory is made and reported to the Board. Then the following order was made: *Dirck Siecken* is hereby ordered on account of his wife's death to have a list made of the property left by her and report by inventory to the Orphanmasters in 8 days.

Gerrit Jansen Roos appearing is asked, whether he has made an inventory of the property left by his dec'd wife. He says, he has named guardians. It is ordered: *Gerrit Jansen Roos* is hereby directed, to make an inventory of the property left by his deceased wife *Aeltje* and to report it with the guard-

ians to the Orphanmasters next Wednesday, the 19th of February.

Geertje Hendricks, the widow of *Andrees Hoppe*, coming in is asked, whether she had made an inventory of her deceased husband's property ; she said, yes and the administrators have it. Then the following order was made : *Geertje Hendricks*, widow of *Andrees Hoppe*, is herewith directed, with the administrators to inform the Orphans Chamber of the estate of her late husband next Wednesday, February 19, under penalty of a fine.

Hendrick Jansen van der Vin is asked, whether he has made an inventory of the property, left by *Gerrit Bril* in the yacht of *Mighiel Paulussen* and elsewhere in the jurisdiction of this City. He answers, he has not, as the weather has prevented him, but that he shall do it soon as possible, while the yacht is in port.

Immetje, the widow of *Frans Classen*, being asked, whether she had made an inventory of the property of her deceased husband answers No, she had no goods ; further asked, whether she did not wish guardians and whom she wants, she says she has requested *Jacob Jansen Moesman* and *Abraham de la Noy*.

Commission.

As *Frans Classen* has died in the year 1658 leaving besides the widow four infant children, named *Claas Fransen*, about 16 years old, *Jacob Fransen*, 14 years, *Dirck Fransen*, 12 years, and *Tymen*

Fransen, 1¼ years, and as at the request of the widow the Orphanmasters have appointed as guardians of the children and administrators of the estate *Jacob Jansen Moesman* and *Abraham de la Noy*, Therefore deeming it necessary, that—to prevent the children on one side and the widow on the other from being injured in their rights and possession—an inventory of the property of deceased be made, the Orphanmasters hereby direct and authorize said guardians, to make such inventory of the furniture and effects as well as of all real and personal property as soon as possible, to agree with the widow upon the settlement on the children of their paternal inheritance and to report all to this Board within eight days or the following Wednesday, February 26th. Done etc February 12, 1659.

By order etc.

Jeems Bradys, with *Jan Teunissen* appointed administrator of the estate of *Tomas Tanicraft* and wife, is hereby ordered, to inform this Board by inventory, made in the presence of his fellow-administrator, of the condition of said estate next Wednesday, the 19th of February, and both are directed to appear here for a proper disposal of it.

Done etc. February 12, 1659. By order etc.

Wednesday, February 19, 1659, at the City Hall present *Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven* and *Joannes van Bruggen.*

Immetje Dircks, widow of *Frans Clasen*, not having informed this Board, how many children she has and what their names are, is asked accordingly and says, she has four children, called *Claas Franzen*, about 16 years old, *Jacob Fransen*, 14 years, *Dirck Fransen*, 12 years, and *Tymen Francen*, 1¼ years.

Dirck Siecken appearing produced an inventory of the estate of his deceased wife *Jannetje Tonis* and made an agreement with the Orphanmasters concerning a settlement of the maternal property on the two children, as he did not want guardians, to-wit: that he should give to each child 400 fl. and a piece of land of 50 morgens at *Pemmerpoock*,[12] for which he binds under special mortgage his house and lot on the *Heere Straat* [Broadway], where lately *Hermen Smeman* has lived in, also generally his person and property, real and personal, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts.

Claas Tysen appears with *Jacob Strycker*, elected guardian with *Lauwerens Cornelissen van der Wel*, and is asked, whether he has a report and inventory and whether he has agreed with the guardians on a settlement of their maternal estate on the children. He answers No and with *Jacob Strycker* requests time till August for settling the estate. This is allowed and *Jacob Strycker* promises, to have his eye on the children and to see, that their maternal inheritance is not diminished.

Sieur *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* coming in

[12] Pamrapo, N. J. See "N. J. Archives," vol. xxi. p. 4.

produces the inventory of the property, left by *Gerrit Bril* dec'd., found on the yacht of *Mighiel Paulussen* and at his dwelling, as follows:

Inventory,

Made by or on behalf of Sieur *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin*, Schepen of this City, and *Jacob Jansen Huys*, skipper of the galiot *New Amstel*, authorized thereto by the Orphanmasters of this city on the 29th of January, 1659, of the estate, left by *Gerrit Bril*, who died here, and shipped in the yacht of *Mighiel Paullussen*, ready to sail to the Colony of *New Amstel* on the South River, where the deceased was living, also of the goods at the house of said Sieur *Hendrick Jansen:*

On board of *Mighiel Paulussen's* yacht and shown by the skipper:

Two bags of grain, but it is not known, whether it is wheat or rye.

Half a barrel of meat.

A small bag with gray pease, probably one skepel.

A small keg of butter.

A jar with oil.

A can, in which there has been vinegar, but the can having been broken, the vinegar has been saved in a keg.

A chest with iron bands containing: a black

brocade man's coat, a pair of dark coloured cloth breeches.

A square box with: a pair of gray fulled man's stockings, a pair of white woman's stockings, a pair of woman's shoes, four pieces of silk cord, some uncounted black and white wampum, a small box with letters, a pair of new man's shoes, a pair of old stockings, a red woollen cap, an embroidered cap, six bands in a box, two man's shirts, a small quantity of prunes, about a schepel of onions, a small bag of rice, two sweet New Netherland cakes, a pair of old Spanish leather man's shoes, a little blue bag with 14 cakes as above, a small barrel with sugar, about one schepel of gray pease, a square box with starch and washing blue, an empty powder box, a polished box, lately filled with apples, beets, roots and parsnips.

Found besides the trunk in a wardrobe:

A green blanket, a pillow, a napkin, an English cap, a small box with candles, marked R. I.

There has been bread worth 2 fl.

Nota: Produced by the skipper and to be reduced in freight.

The following property was found at the house of Sieur *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin:*

A gray serge man's coat.

A dark stuff man's blouse.

A pair of red kersay drawers.

A Muscovy cloth frock.

A pair of fulled man's stockings.
A pair of old stockings.
Two white woolen caps.
A pair of dry leather man's shoes.
A black hat with a ribbon.

Thus inventorized on board of the yacht *Prins Maurits, Mighiel Paulussen* skipper, lying in this port, and at the house of Sieur *Hendrick Jansen* aforesaid, in the presence of *Mighiel Paulussen* and *Jan Fransen*, witnesses, who being requested have signed it at Amsterdam in N. N. February 18, 1659.

Coll. Agrees with the original.
MATHEUS DE VOS, Notary Public.

After collation of the original with the preceding copy, it was found to agree. February 20, 1659.
JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Gerrit Jansen Roos, coming with the guardians of the three minor children, left him by his wife, stated that he had agreed with said guardians on a settlement of their maternal estate and produced the contract to that effect written by Notary *Tielman van Vleeck* on February 17, 1659. The guardians were thanked by the Orphanmasters for their work and requested to continue caring for the children, which they promised.

Jeems Brady appearing with *Jan Teunissen* produced the inventory of the estate, left by *Tomas Tanikraft* and wife, written in English. *Jan Teunissen* was asked, whether he knew, that there is more

property, than described in the inventory, and answered, he did not, nor did he wish to have anything to do with the estate and had seen the order authorizing him to act only once. *Jeems Brady* coming with *Eldert Engelbertsen* was asked, why he did not acknowledge *Jan Teunissen* as his co-administrator of the said estate of *Tomas Tanikraft* and says, *Jan Teunissen* had from the beginning refused to act. He was then told, he should have informed this Board thereof immediately. The Orphanmasters decided, not to make any order in this case for the present and deferred it to the next meeting.

Claasie Teunis stated to the Board, that there was owing to her for an orphan boy, who has lived with her 16 years, the sum of 275 fl. and it has been owing for the same time: Messrs. *Oloff Stevensen* and *Gysbert op Dyck* had placed the child with her, the Orphans Chamber at Amsterdam held 216 fl. and a testament for the boy, whose name was *Jan Dircksen Straatemaacker*, going on to his 17th year.

Eldert Engelbert tells the Board, that *Jeems Brady* wants from him money on behalf of *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoec*, for whom he had been bail. It was ordered, that *Jeems Brady* shall furnish a correct account and then it shall be paid. *Eldert* further states, that *Jeems Brady* has received from *Pieter* the Frenchman for account of *Pieter Winckelhoeck* 15 fl. in pease and wheat and from him on the 86 fl. he has had 10, so that there are paid on the note 80 fl.

Geertje Hendrick, widow of *Andrees Hoppe*, was asked by the Board, whether she has the inventory; she answers No and says, Notary *Mattheus de Vos* has it, maintaining, that as long as she does not marry again, she need not report the estate of her late husband to the Orphans Chamber. She was told, that it was her duty to do it according to the customs of our Fatherland. She replies, she does not intend to do it and the Orphanmasters may do, what they please. Thereupon the Board decided to send the following order to the guardians of the children of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd:

Whereas *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Lambert Huybertsen Mol* have been appointed by *Andrees Hoppe* before his death as guardians of his children, Therefore, having learned that an inventory has been made of the property of deceased, the Orphanmasters hereby direct said guardians to appear before this Board at the City Hall next Wednesday, February 26th, and to show by inventory the condition of the estate of said *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd, when such disposition shall be made of it, as shall be found proper.

Done etc. February 19th 1658.

By order etc.

Wednesday, February 26th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven*, *Joannes Pietersen van Bruggen* and *Allard Anthony*.

Jeen Hom, widow of *Joris Hom*, appearing before the Board with her daughter is asked, whether according to order she has made an inventory of the estate, left by her late husband. She answers, that she will not wrong her children and she has promised *Joris Wolsy* and *Tomas Hal* to give to each child at marriage 200 fl.: *Joris Wolsy* and *Tomas Hal* want to take the money into their charge, but she cannot agree to that. *Joris Wolsy* declares, that he has made no agreement with *Jeen Hom* for the settlement upon the children of their paternal inheritance. *Joris Wolsy* and *Tomas Hal* are authorized by the Orphanmasters, to make an agreement with the widow of *Joris Hom* for the settlement upon the children of their father's estate and then to report the same to this Board, and they are further directed to have a good care of the children and their property.

Elsie Jans, widow of *Albert Janzen*, is asked by the Board, whether she and her late husband had made a testament; she says No. Further asked, whether after the lapse of six weeks she had made an inventory, she also said No, and to the question, how many children she has, she answers five, four girls and a boy, named *Catryn*, 8 years, *Margarytje*, who will be 6 at harvest, *Elsie*, who will be 5 at that time, *Merritje*, in her 3^{d} year and *Jan*, 1 year old. She requests as guardians of her said children *Jacob Leunissen* and *Andrees de Haas* and it is ordered, that authority shall be given to them.

Geertje Hendricks, widow of *Andrees Hoppe*, appearing with the guardians, produces by them the inventory of the estate of her late husband and is asked, whether all debts and credits are entered: she says Yes and asked, whether she has agreed with the guardians about a settlement upon the children she answers, why should that be done before she marries again. She was told, she must do it. She answers "Must is force."[13] Further asked, whether she was willing to make an agreement with the guardians, she says, she does not know any thing about it and is informed, that if she will not do it, she will be ordered. *Gertje Hendricks*, coming again with the guardians, is ordered to agree with them and promises to do so. The guardians are reminded, that the oldest child must remain with the mother.

Abraham de la Noy, with *Jacob Janzen Moesman* guardian of the children of *Frans Clasen* dec'd., reports to the Board, that an inventory has been made by the widow and that she has voluntarily offered to give 400 fl. to be settled on the children as their share of their father's estate. *La Noy* is directed to do his best conscientiously.

Ryck Hendrickzen appearing is asked, whether he has made an agreement with the guardians. He answers No, because they would not make any agreement, until he had spoken with the Orphanmasters. He is ordered to make the contract.

[13] Proverbial Dutch: "What one does by force is done against one's will."

Commission for the guardians of the children of *Joris Hom* dec'd.

Whereas *Joris Hom* has died in the year 1658, leaving besides the widow four minor children and whereas at the request of his widow *Tomas Hal* and *Joris Wolsy* have been appointed guardians of the children and administrators of the property, Therefore, considering the necessity, that a correct inventory of the estate, left by deceased, should be made, to prevent harm to the rights and possessions of the children on one side and the widow on the other, the Orphanmasters herewith order and authorize said guardians, to make as soon as possible a correct inventory of all property, movable and immovable, debts and credits, of the deceased here in the country and to agree with the widow concerning the paternal inheritance of the children, reporting the same to this Board within 8 days or next Wednesday, the 5th of March. Done etc., February 26, 1659. By order etc.

Commission for the guardians of the children of *Albert Jansen*, dec'd.

Whereas *Albert Jansen* has died in the year 1658, leaving besides a widow five minor children, named *Catryn*, *Margrietje*, *Elsie*, *Merritje* and *Jan* and whereas at the request of the widow *Jacob Leunissen* and *Andrees de Haas* have been appointed guardians of the children and administrators of the estate. Therefore etc. as the preceding. Same date.

Wednesday, March 5th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Joannes Pietersen van Brugge.*

Tomas Wandel appearing claims from *Tomas Tannikraft* and wife dec'd. on behalf of their two children the sum of . . . He also claims from *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoeck* one schepel of pease at 3fl. the schepel. He is told to speak with *Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven.*

Geertje Hendricks comes with *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Lambert Huyberzen Mol*, the guardians of the children of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd, and said guardians report, that they have agreed with the widow *Geertje Hendricks* about a settlement on the children of their paternal inheritance and 1000 fl., that is 200 for each child have been allowed, but the agreement has not yet been written out. They are ordered, to have it written and then hand it to the Secretary for record in the Orphans Book.

Ryck Hendrickzen coming with *Pieter Stoutenburgh* and *Cornelis Aarsen*, guardians of the children, left by *Ryck's* deceased wife, the guardians report, that they have agreed with the widower and that *Ryck* is to pay to each child on coming of age 50 fl. They are directed to have the agreement reduced to writing and give it to the Secretary.

Madelena Wale comes with *Gysbert Teunissen*, to whom she is engaged to marry, and is asked, under what bench of justice she belongs. She answers, under that of the Manhattans and de-

clares, that she has yesterday appointed as guardians of her five children by her late husband *Jurrien Blanck* and *Pieter Jansen* the Norman. *Gysbert Teunissen* states, he has four children. They were ordered to come again next Wednesday.

Abraham de la Noy and *Jacob Janzen Moesman*, guardians of the children of *Frans Clasen* dec'd., coming before the Board with his widow, produce the inventory of *Frans Clasen's* estate and the agreement, made by them with the widow concerning the paternal inheritance of the children, written by Notary *Tielman van Vleeck* on the first of March, 1659. The guardians are thanked for their care and trouble.

Wednesday, March 19th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.*

Before the Board appeared *Jan Schryver*, who reported, that *Bartelt Barteltsen* had died at his house having before his death requested and directed, that the property, left by him, should be sent to his wife living at Amsterdam, Holland, only as much of it being sold, as required to pay the funeral expenses and duties. He produces an account for the funeral expenses and is asked by the Board, whether he charges nothing for his trouble and for board, which he has not put into the account. He says No, for he had done him a great deal of kindness. The Orphanmasters deem it necessary, that adminis-

trators of the property should be appointed and choose for that purpose Sieur *Abraham de la Noy* and *Anthony de Milt*, to whom was given the following commission :

Whereas *Bartelt Barteltsen* has died on the 14th of March of this year 1659, leaving some property at the house of *Jan Schryver*, a Burgher of this City, of which an inventory was taken by Secretary *Joannes Nevius* on the 19th inst., and whereas *Jan Schryver* has this day reported said *Barteltsen's* wish and will, to be carried out after his death, according to which his property should be sent to his wife, living at Amsterdam in the Fatherland, only as much being sold as required to pay the funeral expenses and duties, Therefore it is necessary, to appoint administrators of the property and the Orphanmasters here with authorize and qualify Sieur *Avraham de la Noy* and *Anthony de Milt*, who are directed to dispose of the property to the best advantage of the widow. Done etc.

By order etc.

Jenneke Jans coming before the Board reports, that intending to marry again, becoming the wife of *Isaac Abrahamsen*, she desires to settle upon her children their paternal estates and produces the inventory thereof, made by her late husband. Asked by the Orphanmasters, whether there is no more and whether she conceals nothing, which would benefit the children, she answers, she hides nothing

and that there are no debts outstanding. The Board considering it necessary to appoint guardians for the children select for this purpose *Egbert Woutersen* and *Gerrit* the miller, who received the following:

Commission.

Whereas *Jenneke Jans*, widow of *Adam Wensels*, intends to marry again and become the wife of *Isaac Abrahamsen*, bachellor, and whereas she has at present two living children by said *Adam Wensels*, upon whom she intends to settle their father's property, having for this purpose come before this Board and shown an inventory of said property, to make the settlement and whereas the Orphanmasters deem it necessary, to appoint guardians for the children, Therefore they hereby commission and qualify *Egbert Woutersen* and *Gerrit Moolenaar* (the miller), who are authorized to make such an agreement with the widow for a settlement upon the children of their paternal inheritance, after appraisal of the same, as equity demands, reporting the same to this Board for approval in eight days.

Done etc.

By order etc.

Secretary *Nevius* produced the agreement, made between the widow of *Andrees Hoppe* and the guardians of her children for the settlement upon the children of their paternal inheritance, when it was decided, to place a mortgage on her house.

The agreement between *Ryck Hendricksen* and the guardians for the settlement upon the children of their maternal inheritance was also shown.

Wednesday, April 9th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift.*

Abraham de la Noy and *Anthony de Milt*, administrators of the property, left by *Bartelt Barteltsen* dec'd., came before the Board and with them *Hermen Reinersen Bruynd* —, who requested restitution of the goods, which said *Barteltsen* had taken along for him according to inventory shown, made at New Amstel in the South River March 30, 1659. The Orphanmasters after examining the inventory asked, whether he knew what goods *Barteltsen* had taken along and he answered No. *Jan Schryver* stated, that *Bartelt Barteltsen*, when alive and well, had said to him on opening the box with furs in the presence of his wife and *Jurrien Lauwerens Houtsager* (woodsawyer), after he had seen and counted the skins, that nine of them were missing, which he owned in partnership with *Hermen Reinersen* and one of his own private ones; he also said, that the skins marked with two B. were his own and those unmarked belonged to him in partnership with *Hermen Reinersen. Jan Schryver* further stated, that he had learned from *Bartelsen*, his wife had some, belonging to *Reinersen*, as security, she having become bail for the money advanced for the partnership. Also

that a girl, called Doedjee, arrived from the South River, had said to *Bartelt Barteltsen*: "What do you mean, that you have all your skins, *Hermen Reynersen* has some under his bunk and others under the bunk of the smith." *Hermen Reynersen* declares, that of the 60 fl., mentioned in the inventory, one half was *Barteltsen's*, the other his own and that eight pieces of . . . . . , belonging to *Bartelt* were at the South River with three pieces of silver ribbon and one dozen of tin spoons. He also says, he had come over for no other reason, than to see, how the goods would sell.

Catalyntje, the wife of *Joresy*, coming in tells Mr. *Allard Anthony*, that a man, called *Abraham Jansen van Salee*, alias the Turk, who had lived at her house, was dead, having made a testament, whereby he has devised his property to the negro-woman and the child, he has had by her, *Joresy* having been named executor. She says, the Deacons of the City have attached and seized the property and she had been to the Director General, who had referred her to the Orphanmasters. As the domicile is not within this jurisdiction, the case was not taken up by this Board, but again referred to the Director General and Council.

Jacobus Vis stated to the Board, that a box had been sent to him to forward it to *Ariaan Fransen Keuninck* at the South River, but as said *Ariaan Fransen* has died there, he asks for permission to sell

it for the benefit of the parties in interest and he says, an inventory of the goods has been made by Notary *Mattheus de Vos.* The request is granted under condition, that the inventory be handed to Secretary *Nevius.*

Oeny Cyfery coming before the Board claims from *Jeems Brady*, as administrator of the estate of *Tomas Tanikraft*, 12 fl. He was ordered to come again with *Jeems Brady* in three weeks.

Jurrien Blanck and *Pieter Jansen* the Norman appearing produce as guardians of the children and administrators of the estate of *Joghim Caljer* an inventory of the property, left by him. They are referred to the Director General and Council.

Wednesday, May 7th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony*, *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister.*

Before the Board comes *Herry Bresar* asking for money on account of *Jan Hufsitson* dec'd and he is told, to summon the administrators for the next meeting, when the matter shall be looked into.

Nicolaas Velthuysen produces and shows to the Board a testament, made by him and his deceased wife.

Mrs. *Ebbinck* coming in states, that 165 morgen (330 acres) and some rods of land at the *Esopus* are belonging to her, but she can say no more before the opening of trade.

Andrees Clazen, questioned by the Orphanmasters,

says, he has as yet made no settlement upon his children of their maternal estate; it was not much, when he married and they were married about three and a half years. He promises to appoint guardians.

On the 15th of May, 1659, the Orphanmasters of this City received the following request from the guardians of the children of *Jan* of *Rotterdam* dec'd:

To the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Gentlemen. Your Board wrote in the year 1656 a letter, with some certificates, on behalf of the children, left by *Jan Cornelissen* from Rotterdam. We understand, that you have never received an answer and now request, whereas one of the children, called *Cornelis Jansen*, by trade a glazier, sails for Holland with these ships, that you will give him a copy of the letter, formerly sent, adding that the bearer is a son. Hoping that then justice will be done, we remain etc

Signed: Oloff Stevenzen
P. Cornelissen van der Veen.

Honourable, Wise, Prudent and Very Discreet Gentlemen.

Whereas we have not received up to date an answer to the letter, written you on the 4th of June, 1657, and sent with the declarations of some Burghers and inhabitants, we have thought it proper, to send you herewith a copy thereof by the son of *Jan Cornelissen* from Rotterdam, the bearer hereof,

requesting that you will assist him. Not doubting, that you will do so and offering our services for similar occasions we commend you to the merciful protection of the All High and remain

Your affectionate friends and fellowservants
The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland
Signed: ALLARD ANTHONY
By order JOANNES NEVIUS, Secr^y.

Amsterdam in N. N. May 17, 1659.

Addressed: Hon^ble Wise etc the Orphanmasters of Amsterdam.

Wednesday, June 4, 1659, at the City Hall present *Allard Anthony.*

Raghel van Tienhoven appearing was asked, whether before her husband left she had made a testament with him. She answers No and is directed to make an inventory of the estate. She says, as she may not yet marry again, she is not obliged to make a settlement on her children of any property, but she will look out for two persons to act as guardians of the children.

As the Board is not complete, nothing is done in other cases coming up.

Thursday, June 19^th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony, Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister.*

Before the Board appeared *Isaack de Foreest,* who reported the little son of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* had

complained to him, that his father, being his stepfather, got drunk daily and squandered the property and had requested him to inform the Orphanmasters. He states, that *Janneke Willems*, the boy's mother and the wife of said *Velthuysen*, before she lost consciousness had asked him, to keep an eye on the child. *Nicolaas Velthuysen* appearing, the tenour of the testament is explained to him and he is directed to make an inventory of the property, left by his wife, to divide with the children or to settle their share upon them. Answering he offers 300 fl. for each child, but submits to the disposition of the Board. The Orphanmasters decide, that an inventory of the property left by *Janneke Willems* dec'd., shall be made and they commission and authorize Sieur *Isaack de Foreest* and *Timotheus de Gabry* to cause such inventory to be made by Secretary *Joannes Nevius*.

Commission.

Whereas *Janneke Willems*, wife of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, has lately, that is in the month of April, died, leaving besides the widower two minor children by her first husband, named *Cornelis de Graaf*, 22 years,[14] and *Hendrick de Graaf*, 15 years old, of whom *Cornelis* is in East India and *Hendrick* here, Therefore the Orphanmasters of this City, considering it necessary, that an inventory be made of the property left by her for preventing harm to the chil-

[14] Under Dutch-Roman law children came of age at 24.

dren on one side and the widower on the other in their rights and property, commission and authorize thereto, as they hereby do, *Isaack de Foreest* and *Timotheus de Gabry*, who are to make as soon as possible with the widower *Nicolaas Velthuysen* an inventory of the furniture and effects, real and personal property, debts and credits, left by the deceased, and to report the same to this Board next Saturday, the 21st at 7 o'clock in the morning, when the Orphanmasters shall be in session, under the penalty, fixed by the rules of the Orphans Court.

Done etc. June 19, 1659.

By order etc.

Before the Board appeared *Leuntje Pieters*, widow of *Cornelis Jansen Cloppenburgh*, *Mattheus de Vos* and *Timotheus de Gabry*, chosen guardians by said *Leuntje*, and *Gerrit Fullerwever* and *Reinhout Reinhoutzen*, testamentary guardians, appointed by *Corn. Jansen*, who produced the testament, made by *Cornelis Jansen Cloppenburgh* and *Leuntje Pieters*, whereby said *Cornelis* devises after his death to said *Leuntje* the sum of 500 fl. from the readiest property, a silver beaker, a silver ribbed cup, a red kersey coat, eight bed sheets, eight woman's shifts, six man's shirts, six linen aprons, nine handkerchiefs, eight pillow covers with two covers against the oil, giving as reason, that having been sick for several years, during which she has been obliged to sell much of her clothing and jewelry, to support the

household honestly, he is grateful for it; naming further said *Leuntje Pieters* and *Jan Cornelissen*, his son by the first marriage with *Wilbreght Tomas*, his former wife, as the heirs of all his property, nothing excepted and that after the death of said *Jan Cornelis* said *Leuntje* shall become the owner of all. He further appointed guardians of his son by the first marriage *Reinhout Reinhoutzen* and *Gerrit Fullerwever* to execute his last will and said *Leuntje* made her husband *Cornelis Jansen* universal heir of all her property and after his death *Pieter Cornelissen*, the son of her deceased brother *Cornelis Pietersen*, living at the Orphanage in Hoorn, Holland and should he die without issue *Pieter Clasen*, the oldest son of her brother *Claas Pietersen* was to have it, and in case of his death without issue his brothers and sisters or their children, to have and to hold it forever without interference by the Orphanmasters of this City. The abovesaid parties also showed an agreement, made with each other with the approval of the Orphanmasters for the sale and purchase of the share of his father's estate, belonging to *Jan Cornelissen, Cornelis Jansen's* son by his first marriage, to-wit that said *Leuntje Pieters* shall give to *Jan Cornelissen* 100 fl. and all the clothing and linnen, used by his father in his lifetime, in consideration on the other side, that whereas *Leuntje Pieters* during her wedded life has consumed her property, because said *Cornelis Jansen* has for some years been sick and unable to earn a

stiver, she is to remain in possession of the estate. Said *Leuntje* promises to pay the said 100 fl. within a year from May 13, 1659, and the said clothing is to be sold by the executors for the benefit of said *Jan Cornelissen.* Parties therefore request the approval of the Orphanmasters, who ask the executors, whether they are satisfied with what has been done. They answer Yes and the agreement is approved. The executors also produce the account of *Cornelis Jansen Cloppenburgh's* estate, of which the following is a copy:

The estate of *C. J. Cloppenburgh*	Dr.	The estate of *C. J. Cloppenburgh*	Cr.
To a donatio inter vivos	fl. 900	By the house, appraised at	fl. 900
" 16 years interest on 100 fl. Holl. at 10% in this country's currᵞ	" 180	" wampum	" 300
		" beavers	" 128
" the Church	" 20	" household goods	" 125
" more owing than outstanding	" 394	" good and bad debts	" 150
" 100 fl. bequest to the son	" 100	" goods come in the ship *de Trouw*	" 240
" bequeathed to the widow	" 100		
" the widow for making an inventory, writing the agreement and other expenses	" 149		
	fl. 1843		fl. 1843

Aeltje Bickers coming in, she is told, whereas she intends to marry again she must make a settlement on her children of their father's property. She

answers, she has nothing, but will give 50 fl. to each child, her own as well as the child by the first marriage of her husband. The Orphanmasters give her time until next Saturday, to examine the condition of her estate and what she can do.

Tomas Verdon appearing, who intends to marry again, he is told that he must settle on his child, called *Jacobus*, about 3 years old, the maternal property. He promises 50 fl. for the little lot, which he has sold, and says, that his mother still has some property in Holland and as soon as he receives it, he shall from it make a settlement on the child. The Orphanmasters appoint as guardians of the child and administrators of the maternal estate Mr. *Paulus van der Beeck* and *Joannes Monjeer de la Montagne*, who are to make an inventory of the estate.

Commission.

Whereas *Tomas Verdon*, widower of *Barbara Imbroeck*, intends to marry again with *Janneke Bones*, widow of *Tobias Teunissen*, and as he has a little son *Jacobus* by said *Barbara Imbroeck*, about 3 years old, to whom before the marriage his maternal inheritance must be proved, so that when he comes of age and marries he may have what belongs to him, Therefore the Orphanmasters of this City appoint as guardians and administrator *Mr. Paulus van der Beeck* and *Joannes la Montagne junior*, who are hereby authorized to make such an agreement

with the widower on behalf of the child concerning his maternal inheritance, debts and credits, as equity demands, reporting the same to this Board on Saturday, June 21, at 7. o. c. a. m.

Done etc. June 19, 1659.

Jenneke Boones appearing before the Board is directed, whereas she intends to marry again she must settle on her children their paternal inheritance. Answering she offers to give each child 50 fl. and states she has four children, called *Hermen Urbanus*, 17 years, *Neeltje Urbanus*, 15 years, *Urbanus Urbanus*, 10 years and *Teunis Tobiassen*, 8 years, for whom *Abraham Clock* and *Evert Duyckingh* are appointed guardians.

Commission.

Whereas *Janneke Bones*, widow of *Tobias Teunissen*, is about to become the wife of *Tomas Verdon*, widower of *Barbara Imbroeck*, and whereas she has now four living children, of whom three by her first husband, called *Hermen*, *Neeltje* and *Urbanus Urbanussen*, and the fourth, *Teunis Tobiassen*, by her last deceased husband, to whom before her marriage their paternal inheritance must be proved, so that when they come of age or marry, they may receive what belongs to them, Therefore the Orphanmasters appoint as guardians and administrators *Abraham Clock* and *Evert Duyckingh*, who are hereby authorized to make such an agreement with

the widow on behalf of the children etc etc [ut supra]. Done June 19, 1659.

Saturday, June 21st, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift.*

Before the Board came *Abraham Clocq* and *Evert Duyckingh*, curators of the children and property, left by *Tobias Teunissen* dec'd, who reported, they had been at the house of his widow, *Janneke Bones*, and after examination of the estate they had agreed with her about the settlement on her children of their paternal inheritance, namely, that she shall give to each child 50 fl., together 200 fl. They were thanked for the labour.

Joannes Monjeer de la Montagne, with *Paulus van der Beeck* administrator, states that he has been at *Tomas Verdon's* house and that after an appraisal of the estate there is a surplus of 114 fl. As said *Tomas* has not declared all, it is ordered, that he shall once more be spoken to about the land and other things, of which a list is given.

Aaltje Bickers states to the Board, that she owes *Steenwyck* about 300 fl. and that he has promised not to trouble her about it. She says also, that her late husband *Gerrit Bicker*, before marrying her, made a report of the goods on behalf of his child by the first marriage to the Orphans Court at Amsterdam about Whitsuntide 1650 and there were found to be more

debts, than property, therefore the child can have no inheritance from the mother, but she promises to bring for each child to the Board as inherited from the father 25 fl.

Nicolaas Velthuysen appearing is asked, whether he has declared all. He answers Yes and says, he owes 70 to 75 beavers, which he must pay on the bouwery (farm). The Orphanmasters, having examined and considered the condition of the estate, left by *Janneke Willems* dec'd., wife of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, have made with him an agreement for a settlement upon the children of their maternal inheritance, to-wit: *Nicolaas Velthuysen* promises to pay to the children as inherited from their mother according to the bond, of which the following is a copy:

Before the Board of Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. appeared *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, widower of *Janneke Willems*, who intending to marry again promises to give to the two sons, *Cornelis* and *Hendrick de Graaf*, as inherited from their mother 2400 fl., half in beavers and half in wampum, besides all the linnen, woollen and jewelry, belonging to their mother. The Orphanmasters agree to it and that he shall remain in possession of the property, taking all debts and credits on his account and further promising to bring up the son, who is with him, honestly support him and have him taught a good trade. For the performance hereof he promises to furnish sufficient security without delay and in witness

thereof he has signed the foregoing on the 21st of June 1659 at the meeting of the Orphanmasters.

Signed. N. VELTHUYSEN.

Before the Board came *Tomas Hal* and *Isaack Grevera*, administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd, and state, that they have not been able to find any goods, belonging to the estate. *Herry Bresar* is asked, whether he will swear, that the money claimed as per account is really due him. Answering Yes he is asked, whether he will take his oath, that there are no more beavers, silver money, carpenters' tools or clothing. He answers, he could swear to that to the best of his knowledge. Whereas *Herry Bresar* has declared under oath before this Board, that the money claimed from *Jan Hutsitson* is really owing to him and that to the best of his knowledge he has no more property of said *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd, therefore the money shall be paid to him, which is due him according to the following account:

The Estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. Dr.

1658 To *Herry Bresar*, the following account
Octobr 15. as taxed by the Orphanmasters

For board, beer, wine and candles to the people, who watched at his bed 80 fl. reduced to	fl.	40.
For a cask of beer with excise and carting	"	27.12

	For washing his linnen and other things done	fl.	5.
	Paid to *Claas van Elslant*	"	23. 9
	For a broken wine glass	"	. 8
	Given to skipper *Lauwerens*	"	6.
	For two dozen of pipes	"	1.16
	For taking care	"	10.
	For a box	"	16
	For a cloth cap and other linnen	"	16.
		fl.	146. 5
	Further due for board etc as per a/c shown by *Herry Bresar* to the Orphan-masters Octobr. 15.	fl.	1000.17
Novbr. 16.	For wine at the funeral 6 beavers	"	48.
	For 2 quarterns of brandy at the auction	"	1. 4
	Fees to the auctioneer and messenger 5 p. c. on 166.13	"	8. 6
	Paid to the Crier *Stoffel Mighielsen*	"	1.10
Decbr. 5.	To Master *Hans Kierstede*, surgeon, who attended him 4 beavers	fl.	32.
	" *Jan Adriaansen*, carpenter, 1 beaver & 1 fl.	"	9.
	" *Coenraat ten Eyck* as per account	"	7.

1659	To *Isaack Grevera*	fl.	5. 7.
January 8	" Burger *Jorissen*	"	9.
Febry. 26	For a beaver for placing the yacht at *Daniel Litsco's*	"	8.
June 9	To *François de Bruyn* for account of *Simon Clasen Turck* for completing the yacht 12 beavers	"	96.
	Changed one beaver for wampum to pay		

1658	*Herry Bresar*			Dr
Novbr. 11	To various goods purchased from the estate for 94 fl. 10 st. heavy money or in light money	fl.	126.	
	To wampum	"	20.	5
" 16	To 30 beavers at 12 fl.	"	360.	
1659				
June 30.	To 12 " " "	"	144.	
	To order on *Lauwerens Lauwerensen* for 41 beavers at 12 fl.	"	492.	
	To wampum	"	4.17	
		fl.	1147.	2

1658	The Estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd			Cr
Octobr. 9.	By 67 beavers at 8 fl.	fl.	536.	
Novbr. 11.	" sale of goods	"	166.	13.

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Novbr. 12.	By note on *Lauwerens Lauwerensen* for a yacht made for *Reintje de Vries* and by him accepted to complete, in beavers	fl. 904.
	" note on *Isaack Allerton* senior dec'd dated Decbr. 31, 1657	" 420.
		fl. 2026. 13

1658	*Herry Bresar*	Cr
Octbr. 9.	By expenses at the funeral of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. taxed by the Orphanmasters Octobr. 15, 1658.	fl. 146. 5
	board etc, as per a/c shown to the Orphanmasters Octobr 15, 1658.	" 1000. 17
		fl. 1147. 2

Wednesday, July 2d, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.*

Nicolaas Velthuysen appearing is asked, whether he has security for the performance of his bond for the children of his deceased wife, given on the 21st of June last. He says, he can find no one to become his bail, also that he owes more and requests, that

all debts be paid and credits collected, promising to bring in 4 to 8 days a list of all his debts. Granted.

Mr. *Paulus van de Beecq* answers to the question by the Board, whether he has not heard, that *Jacob Coppe* had torn and destroyed the testament, made by him: that he heard *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. say to *Willem Pietersen*, *Pieter Lauwerensen*, his wife and others, he had destroyed and torn his last will and it was of no value.

Jacob Janzen Huys says, he has learned that one *Bartelt Barteltsen*, who had come from the South River, had died here, and he has to claim from him 70 fl. Holland currency for freight, which money was to be paid to him by a draft in Holland, but as he fears, the draft may not be accepted, he inquires, whether he may not attach the money from the goods sold here or the goods still on hand or what else he is to do. The Orphanmasters advise him to write to his wife about the draft and if it is not accepted to attach the goods and seize them.

Jan Rutgersen states to the Board, that 55 fl. are still due him from *Barent Oesterman* dec'd. and requests, that the Vendumaster may pay him the sum, which is for board and drink, had at his house. He is told, the Secretary or Vendumaster shall see, how it stands with the account.

Monday, July 7th, 1659, at the City Hall present as before.

Before the Board appeared *Willem Pietersen*, who was told, the Orphanmasters had learned, that he

knew of *Jacob Coppe's* saying, he had destroyed the testament, made by him. Therefore he is asked, what knowledge he has thereof. He answers, the testament is still there. Again asked, whether he did not know, that *Jacob Coppe* had said, he had torn and destroyed his last will, he answers: "No matter, whether he has said so or not, the testament is in being;" he will not make another statement and says, the Board may do their best and utters other improper words.

Pieter Lauwerens and wife are examined, first the man and then the woman, whether they know that *Jacob Coppe* had said, he had destroyed the testament, made by him. He answers, he had heard *Jacob Coppe* say so and the wife being asked, says the same.

Pieter Lauwerens produces an account, according to which *Jacob Coppe* still owes him a balance of 110 fl. The Orphanmasters order their Secretary, to write to *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Jan van der Bilt* directing them not to take to themselves any goods of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., before they have proved to the Board their rights.

Nicolaas Velthuysen appearing is asked, whether he has made an estimate of the property, left by his wife and settled it on her children. He says, he has had no time, as his wedding is to take place next Wednesday and he is making preparations for it. Giving other strange and improper answers he leaves the room.

Tuesday, July 8th, 1659, at 6 o'clock in the morning at the City Hall present Messrs. *Nicasius de Sille*, *Marten Cregier*, *Olof Stevensen Cortlant*, *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift*.

The Board asked *Willem Pietersen*, whether he has not heard *Jacob Coppe* say, he had destroyed his last will, and ordered him to answer with Yes or No. He says, he has heard that he had destroyed it, also, that he said: "You will find it there," and offers to confirm his declaration by an oath.

Nicolaas Velthuysen coming before the Board is directed to make a settlement on the children of his late wife of their maternal inheritance. In answer he requests, that the table may be put out of doors, the goods sold and the surplus be divided with the children, so that every one may have his own. He states, that the children have each 1000 fl. in Brazil from the estate of their mother's father, which they cannot obtain, and he says, he would rather delay his wedding, than go on, and give 50 fl. to the Poor, promising to make a good report to the Board, when the creditors *Jan Gillison* and others have come from Fort Orange. The Board decides, that *Nicolaas Velthuysen* shall exhibit in the presence of Schout *de Sille* eight days after the wedding an inventory of his whole estate.

Honourable, Wise, Prudent Gentlemen.

At the request of *Lauwerens Andriesen Drayer* (turner), who has married the widow of *Christiaen*

Barens, deceased at the South River last year, we inform you herewith, that there are deposited in your Orphans' Court the goods, belonging to his children as paternal inheritance, while the children are here in this City, and we request, that following the usages of other places said goods may be sent to the Orphans' Court here. You will find us in similar cases willing to reciprocate, with which we remain

Yours etc. etc. etc.

By order: J. NEVIUS, Secretary.

Amsterdam in N. N. July 16, 1659.

Commission.

Pursuant to the resolution of their Worships, the Burgomasters, sitting with the Orphanmasters, Schout *Nicasius de Sille* is hereby authorized and directed, with Sieurs *Timotheus de Gabry* and *Isaack de Foreest* to have made by Secretary *Joannes Nevius* an inventory of the property, left *Janneke Willems* dec'd., wife of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, at said *Velthuysen's* house. Done etc. July 16, 1659.

By order etc.

According to the foregoing order Schout *Nicasius de Sille*, *Timotheus de Gabry* and *Isaack de Foreest* have proceeded to the house of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, to take an inventory of the property, left by *Janneke Willems* dec'd: said *Velthuysen* requested a delay until next Monday, July 21, which was allowed. Done at the house of said *Velthuysen*, July 16, 1659.

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Saturday, August 2d, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift.*

Before the Board appeared *Cornelis Aarsen*, who was informed of some declarations, made before the Board, that the testament, made by *Jacob Coppe*, had been destroyed. He says, that may be reported by some people, because they would like it to be so; he requests a copy of the declarations, which was allowed to him.

Pieter Schabanck, sent by the Board to *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, to bring him to the Court, returns saying, that *Nicolaas* had told, the Orphanmasters might set the table before the door and sell everything.

Cristyntje Cappvens came before the Board and stated, that she and her husband had made a testament; showing it to the Board, it was found by reading it, that the Orphanmasters are excluded, but as there is no mention of guardians for the child nor a settlement upon the same of the paternal inheritance, she requests, that as guardians may be appointed the Honble *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift*, selected by both, and *Dirck Jansen Croon*, thereto requested by her deceased husband, who had accepted the office, but said *Dirck Jansen Croon*, now not being here, she asks, that the Honble *Pieter Wolfersen van Couwenhoven* may provisionally act in his place, which is allowed.

Wednesday, August 27th, 1659, at the City Hall present as before.

Mrs. *Ebbingh* produced an account of receipts and expenditures, lately made. The Orphanmasters inform her, that she will have to make a settlement upon her children of their paternal inheritance before the Orphans' Court here, but she may take the property for herself under bail or mortgage on the house of her husband and all her goods etc. here in the country.

Monday, September 1st, 1659, at the City Hall present as before and *Joannes de Peister.*

Before the Board appeared *Jeronimus Ebbingh* and his wife *Joanna de Laat* [15], handing in an account of moneys paid out of the estate of *Joannes de Hulter* dec'd., in which after examination by the Board is found an item of 500 fl., said to have been paid to *Ebbingh* aforesaid for a loan. The Orphanmasters request a specification of how the 500 fl. were counted out and the answer was, no specification could be given, the sum was figured in beavers and wampum, the wampum at 10 fl. for one beaver. Asked, whether he would take an oath, that the debt was just, he answers, he does not intend to do so and had never thought, that the gentlemen of the Board had so little faith in him. He says, he will

[15] She had been the widow of Joannes de Laet, the first historian of New Netherland, a Director of the W. I. Company, a Commissioner of N. N. in 1638 and co-patroon of Rensselaerswyck. Her second husband was J. de Hulter. See. Docts. rel. to Col. Hist. of N. Y.

erase the item. He was then asked, whether he has any more claims against the estate, and says, he does not know, except that 18 beavers of an old debt, not mentioned in the former inventory, have been received from *Andrees Herwarts* and 350 fl. in wampum are still due from *Abraham Molenaar* (the miller) with interest at 10 p. c., pursuant to a bond in the hands of *Timotheus de Gabry*, also 67 fl. from *Mighiel Tades* for stones. The Orphanmasters decide, that somebody should assist *François Boon*, the attorney of Mrs. *Ebbinck*, who is to have the supervision of the paternal inheritance of *Joannes de Hulter's* children. Mrs. *Ebbinck* is satisfied with it and states, that she has sent to Holland in the year 1657 for *Mighiel* and *Paulus de Hulter* 100 beavers and in 1658 219.

Nicolaas Velthuysen is asked by the Board, whether he has made an inventory of the property, left by his deceased wife. He answers: "What inventory shall I make, you may sell my property and pay my debts," but he asks, whether he may engage *Tielman van Vleeck* to make the inventory. He is told, he may or any one else. Then he promises to deliver to the Orphanmasters an inventory of all the property with a list of debts and credits this week and is given time till next Saturday.

The Board resolve, to have the Burgomasters and Schepens asked by the Secretary, whether the affidavits concerning the testament of *Jacob Coppe*

are sufficient to annul it, and to make a proper record of it.

Wednesday, September 3d, 1659, at the City Hall present as before *Jeronimus Ebbinck* coming in states, that *François Boon* has in his charge the following obligations:

One from *Pieter Bont* for . . .	fl.	186.
" " *Jan Barentsen Wemp* for .	"	300.
" " *Jan Willemsen van Hooghteylingen* for	"	184
" " *Isebrandt Eldersen* for .	"	173
" " *Arent van Corlaar* for .	"	203
" " *Cornelis Teunissen Pott* for	"	198.18
Cornelis Barensen Sleght owes, payable in May 1660, without note of hand	"	2011.
and Sieur *Ebbinck* adds, that his wife has received from *Abraham Molenaar* (the miller) the interest on 350 fl. at 10 p. c.	"	35.

Before us, the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. appeared Sieur *Jeronimus Ebbinck,* who declared, that for the recovery of 1780 fl. 4 st. 4 pence in beavers and 264 fl. 9 st. 8 p. in wampum, together 1351 fl. 13 st. 12 p., taken to Holland,

he gives a special mortgage on his house and lot on the Northside of *Brouwer* (*Stone*) Street, bounded East by the house and lot, now occupied by *Joannes van Brugh*, South by said street, West by the house and lot of *Mattheus de Vos*, North by the lot of *Jan Everson Bout*, further binding generally his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, under submission to all courts and laws. In witness whereof he has signed these at Amsterdam in N. N. this 3d of September 1659. JERONIMUS EBBINCK.

A release hereof was entered February 23, 1662, payment having been made in Holland.

Before us, the Orphanmasters etc., appeared *Joanna de Laat*, widow of *Joannes de Hulter*, now wife of *Jeronimus Ebbinck*, who declared that as well as for the satisfaction of 319 beavers, sent to *Paulus* and *Mighiel de Hulter* in Holland during the years 1657 and 1658, the proceeds for which are in the hands of said *Mighiel de Hulter*, as for the payment of what hereafter may be found to belong to the children of *Joannes de Hulter* dec'd., she gives a special mortgage on her property in lands, farms, cattle, debts due and whatever else she may have in this country, placing at the same time her person under the jurisdiction of all courts and laws and hereby specially directing *François Boon*, her attorney, to obey the order of the Orphanmasters concerning the property, placed in his charge or to be

so placed by the committee of this Board. In witness etc September 3, 1659.

Copy. Sieur Mighiel de Hulter.

Honourable, Prudent Discreet Sir.

As Orphanmasters we are in duty bound, to take care of fatherless and motherless children and therefore have to inform you, that Mrs. *Joanna de Laat*, widow of *Joannes de Hulter*, now the wife of Sieur *Jeronimus Ebbinck*, and at present going to Holland, has exhibited to us the condition of the estate of her first husband, as far as she knows it, and she has stated to us, that in the years 1657 and 1658 she has sent to you and your brother *Paulus de Hulter* 319 beavers, the money for which is in your hands. She now takes with her 1351 fl. 13 s. 12 p., belonging with one half of said 319 beavers to the children as their paternal inheritance and said Sieur *Ebbinck* has given for the 1351 fl. a mortgage on his house and lot, therein described, while Mrs. *de Laat* has mortgaged for the half of the beavers all her property. It is further found, that in 1658 80 beavers were sent by the *Moesman* to Mrs. *Anna de Hulter* and *Mighiel de Hulter* and this year by the *Bruyn Vis* (Brown Fish) through Sieur *Ebbinck* 115 beavers and 4 hhds. of tobacco, also in the *Moesman* in three packages 720 beavers, 22 elkskins, 12 bearskins, 5 deerskins, one coat made of catskin, one hhd. of tobacco, consigned to himself. We request, that you will advise us of the foregoing goods, whether

among them is anything for the benefit of the children, so that they may come to their own. In so doing we remain

Your affectionate friends
The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam.

Saturday, September 27th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Joannes de Peyster.*

Having seen that the Burgomasters and Schepens of this City after reading the statements of *Willem Pietersen,* Master *Paulus van der Beecq, Pieter Lauwerensen* and wife, do not consider them sufficient to invalidate the last will and testament, made by *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., the Orphanmasters have decided, that for the best of the heirs guardians and administrators must be appointed, electing thereto *Timotheus de Gabry* and *Isaack Kip.*

Commission.

Whereas *Jacob Coppe* has died and there has been found among his papers and property here a testament, made December 14, 1653, before Notary *D. van Schelluyne* and witnesses, in favour of *Lysbett Cornelis,* daughter of *Cornelis Aarsen,* and *Merritje Jans,* daughter of *Jan van der Bilt,* naming both heiresses of his estate, Therefore the Orphanmasters have resolved, to appoint administrators of said estate, so that the heiresses may come to their own, and they have elected and authorized, as they hereby do, *Timotheus de Gabry* and *Isaacq Kip,* who

are directed to make as soon as possible a complete inventory of all the goods and property, left by *Jan Coppe*, his debts and credits here in the country, as well in this place as elsewhere, and to report the same to the Orphans Court, to be then disposed of, as shall be deemed advisable. Done as above.

Secretary *Nevius* and Courtmessenger *Claas van Elslant* are directed and authorized, to bring to the Orphans Court the chest with the goods and papers, left by *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., to be disposed of, as then shall be decided.

Jan Teunissen asks by petition for payment out of *Jacob Coppe's* estate for four pigs, sold to *Jacob Coppe* according to affidavit. Marginal order: As the proof, that the pigs have been delivered to *Jacob Coppe*, is not sufficient, the Orphanmasters cannot see, that petitioner has anything to claim from the estate.

Nicolaas Velthuysen produces to the Board the inventory of the property, left by his late wife, without a specification of all her debts and credits. Whereupon it is ordered: As *Nicolaas Velthuysen* has not in the inventory of the estate of *Janneke Willems* dec'd., his late wife specified her debts and credits, but given them only in a lump sum, therefore he is hereby ordered for the last time, to hand in to this Board next Wednesday, the first of October, a pertinent statement of the debts due and the credits claimed, under a penalty to be fixed, if he remains in default.

Friday, October 17th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus L. van der Grift.*

Before the Board appeared *Timotheus de Gabry*, who was informed, the Orphanmasters had learned from Mrs. *Ebbingh*, that he had in his charge a note in her favour drawn on *Abraham Pietersen Molenaar* (the miller) for 350 fl. in wampum, which she wanted to have for record in the register of orphans' property. He answers, he would not surrender it, as it was confided to him, but if the Court compelled him, he might be able to justify the surrender. He was told, the Court had nothing to do with it and the Orphanmasters directed their Secretary to write the following order to Gabry: *Timotheus de Gabry* is hereby ordered by the Orphanmasters to hand to Secretary *Joannes Nevius* the promissory note of *Abraham Pietersen Molenaar* (miller), for 350 fl. deposited with him as belonging to the estate of *Joannes de Hulter's* children, so that it may be recorded in the register of orphans' property. Done as above.

Courtmessenger *Pieter Schabanck*, ordered by the Orphanmasters to summon *Nicolas Velthuysen* to appear immediately, returning reports, said *Velthuysen* had said, he could not come, as he had injured his head in a fall.

Jeems Brady and *Josep Fouler*, appearing before the board, institute an action against each other, whereupon *Jeems Brady* was ordered by the Orphan-

masters, to pay out of the estate of *Tomas Tanikraft* £2 stlg. to *Jan Tounsen*[16] and then *Jan Tounsen* was directed to return to *Josep Fouler* all such goods, belonging to *Fouler*, as are in his hands.

Jeems Brady and *Jan Tounsen*, administrators of the estate of *Tomas Tanikraft* and wife, both dec'd., are herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters, to appear before them as soon as possible, bringing with them a complete inventory of said estate.

Court Messenger *Pieter Schabanck*, ordered by the Orphanmasters immediately to bring *Reintje* the skipper before them, returns reporting he could not find him.

Jan Teunissen petitions for payment of the pigs, sold to *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. and is referred to the answer, given September 27 last.

Gerrit Hendricksen, appearing before the Board, states that he intends to marry again and names the Hon^ble^ *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* as guardians of his three children, called *Otte Gerrits*, 13 years, *Jan*, 9 years, and *Lysbet Gerrits*, 6 years old.

Commission of the said guardians.

Whereas *Ytje*, wife of *Gerrit Hendricksen*, the present Farmer of the Weighscales, has died this year, leaving besides the widower, three minor children, named *Otte*, *Jan* and *Lysbett Gerrits*, whereas said *Gerrit Hendricksen* intending to marry

[16] Formerly called Teunissen.

again and the Orphanmasters considering it necessary, that guardians should be appointed for the children of said *Ytje* dec'd., he has chosen the Hon^ble^ *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Hendrik Hendricksen Obe*, Therefore the Orphanmasters herewith direct and authorize said guardians to take as soon as possible an inventory of the property, left by said *Ytje* dec'd., to agree with the widower on behalf of the children for a settlement of their maternal inheritance and report the same to this Board.

Wednesday, November 5^th^, 1659, at the City Hall present as before.

Before the Board appeared *Gerrit Hendricksen van Hardewyck*, who was asked, why he has not delivered a statement of the estate, left by his deceased wife. He answers, he does not intend to give any information about it, saying "Give me money for my goods." Whereupon the Orphanmasters resolve, to report the matter to the Burgomasters.

Jeene Hom appears before the Board and asks for 100 fl., which, as *Herry Bresar* says, *Jan Hutsitson* has bequeathed to her child. She was asked, whether she had witnesses and answers No, only *Herry Bresar* and his wife. Then the statement of *Herry Bresar* was communicated to her, in which he declares, that when *Jan Hutsitson* made his last will, the persons, who were around him, went out and left him, *Bresar*, alone with him, who said the

same to him and that he must bring other witnesses. The wife of *Herry Bresar* requests to have the money, which she has to claim from the estate of *Jan Hutsitson*, whereupon she is asked, why she does not demand it from *Reintje*. "What shall I do with *Reintje*," she says, "you have taken hold of the estate." She is told, the Orphanmasters are not willing, to pay her out of their own pockets.

Timotheus Gabry, appearing before the Board, requests to be discharged from the administratorship of the estate of *Jacob Coppe*, as he shall not be here this winter. Considering this the Orphanmasters appoint in his place *Jacob Vis*. Said *Gabry* hands in [the bond], deposited with him, on behalf of *Joanna de Laat*, widow of *Joannes de Hulter*.

The Board resolved, to give a power of attorney to *Philip Pietersen Schuylaart*,[17] to collect with *François Boon* all the property, which said *Joanna de Laat* has at Fort Orange and neighbourhood and they are not to pay out any money to any body without the knowledge of the Orphanmasters.

Commission of *Jacobus Vis*.

Whereas *Timotheus Gabry* and *Isaack Kip* have been appointed administrators of the estate, left by *Jacob Coppe*, and whereas *Timotheus Gabry* has given sufficient reasons, why he cannot act as such administrator and it becomes necessary to appoint somebody else in his place, Therefore the Orphan-

[17] Schuyler.

masters herewith elect and authorize Sieur *Jacobus Vis*, who is directed to make as soon as possible, with *Isaack Kip*, a complete inventory of the goods, effects, debts and credits, here in the place and elsewhere in this country, left by said *Coppe* at his death, and to report the same to the Board for further disposition.

Done etc November 5, 1659.

By order etc.

Power of Attorney for *Philipp Pietersen Schuylaardt.*

Whereas Mrs. *Joanna de Laat*, widow of *Joannes de Hulter*, has again married and become the wife of Sieur *Jeronimus Ebbinck* and has reported to this Orphans Chamber the inventory of the estate and property with the debts and credits, of which the largest items are entered as of Fort Orange and for the collection of which *François Boon* has been empowered, who has all bonds and notes with everything pertaining to them, hypothecated to the Orphanmasters and whereas the Orphanmasters consider it their duty towards the minor children, left by said *Joannes de Hulter*, that they may have their paternal inheritance, Therefore they herewith constitute as their attorney *Philipp Pietersen Schuyllardt* with said *François Boon*, giving full authority to demand and receive all debts on behalf of said children, to give acquittances and in case of opposition or refusal to proceed in law, observing for this purpose all sessions of Court, receiving judgment

and calling for execution, also if necessary to insist upon the attachment of the debtor's person and property, when the case makes it advisable etc etc. etc. Done Novbr. 5, 1659.

Letter sent to *Philipp Pietersen Schuylaard* with the foregoing power of attorney.

Amsterdam in N. N., November 24, 1659.

To Sieur *Philipp Pietersen Schuylaardt.*

Worthy, Discreet and Good Friend, Greeting.

We have, as Orphanmasters of this City, for the children of *Joannes de Hulter* dec'd., a mortgage on all the effects and debts, left by him, and as we are in duty bound, to receive as much as possible of what belongs to them, we have authorized you by the enclosed power of attorney, to demand and collect, with *François Boon*, the attorney of *Joannes de Hulter's* widow, all outstanding debts and generally to take care of all the property left and in the hands of *François Boon*, looking after all and that without your knowledge nothing is done by said *Boon.* Which doing you will oblige us, who remain

Your affectionate friends

The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam.

By order JOANNES NEVIUS, Secr^y^.

Thursday, November 13, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Nicasius de Sille, Marten Cregier, Oloff Stevensen Cortlant,* Burgomasters, *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.*

Cornelis Aarzen and *Jan van der Bilt* request,

that they with some other persons may be authorized by the Worshipful Orphanmasters, to administer upon the estate, left by *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., as their children are heirs of his property. It is ordered thereupon: The petition is granted and petitioners may administer upon said estate with the guardians, on condition of giving sufficient security.

Gerrit Hendrickzen van Harderwyck appearing is asked by the Burgomasters, why he does not make an inventory of the property, left by his deceased wife, and he is ordered to make it on pain of imprisonment, but if he can agree with the guardians, he may do so, reporting to the Orphanmasters: which he promises to do.

Nicolaes Velthuyzen comes before the Board and is informed by the Burgomasters, that great complaints are made against him by the Orphanmasters, because he does not present a statement and inventory of the estate, left by his deceased wife and because there is a great difference between the inventory, made by Secretary *Nevius* and that, made by *van Vleeck.* He is therefore asked, where the goods are, mentioned in the inventory by Secretary *Nevius;* he says, they are still there. Further asked, where the goods are, of which a list was read to him, he answers, he has paid debts therewith. Then he is ordered, to appear before the Orphanmasters to-morrow at 8 o. c. precisely, bringing with him his books, to satisfy the Board in the presence of the Schout.

Schout *de Sille* and Burgomasters *Marten Cregier* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* leave the meeting.

Before the Orphanmasters appeared Mrs. *Catharyna Brull*, widow of *Anthony Rademan* dec'd., who, as she intends to become the wife of *Jan Janzen de Jongh*, shows to the Board a testament, made by her and her deceased husband, before Notary *Pieter de Bary* and witnesses February 27, 1654, first stating, that they, the testators, revoke and annul all former testaments, codicils, trusts and other last dispositions, hither-to made, and that considering the conditions of their articles of marriage they dispose anew and institute as heirs of the deceased their child or children, on condition, that the survivor shall remain in possession of the whole estate, manage and administer upon it to the best advantage, bring up the children, let them learn, occasion offering, what would help them to go honestly through the world and when they came of age to establish them, as discretion shall allow, the costs of bringing up to be set off against the legitimate share and surplus in deduction of what is due from the paternal or maternal estate: all this without the survivor being directly or indirectly asked by anybody for an accounting, settlement and *reliqua* or statement and inventory, and marrying again the survivor is, before the ceremony, to choose two respectable and well-to-do persons from among friends or others as guardians of the children, giving them a complete statement and inventory of the

whole estate, which the survivor shall verify as true and correct by signing it without being compelled to confirm it under oath. The survivor is to make with the guardians a proper division of all the shares and this being done the guardianship of said persons shall be at an end, the survivor alone remaining guardian. For this purpose testators exclude the Orphanschamber of the City of Amsterdam in Europe and all others, no matter, who of the two should die first, also not requiring to advertise, in case of remarriage, the estate in part or in the whole.

After said testament had been read to the Orphanmasters, said *Catharina de Brull* was informed, that she had nothing to do with this Chamber, it being excluded, whereupon she left.

Jan Janzen de Jongh, widower of *Cornelia van Vloet* dec'd., intending to marry *Mrs. Catharina Brull*, shows a testament, made by him and his late wife before Notary *Dirck van Schelluyne* and witnesses October 31, 1655, containing the last will of both as follows: they first revoke and annul all former testaments, last wills etc, made by them either singly or jointly, especially the testament, made before said Notary and witnesses May 13, 1653, wherein they name and institute as heir, as they have no child, the survivor of them both, to have all property, real and personal, stocks, credits, money, gold, silver, coined or not coined, jewels, clothing, linnen or woollen, household goods and others, including legacies and

bequests, either already received by testators from their parents or collateral relatives or to be received from intestates or under a testament during the life of the first one of them dying, nothing in the world excepted or reserved, as well here in the country, as in Holland, Brabant, the Manor of Bos, the Barony of Breda or elsewhere, to have all forever, use it as inherited property and do therewith as is done with own, free property, without anybody's interference, they, testators, promising each other never to act against or change this, their last will.

Said testament having been read, the Orphan-masters declare, that said *Jan Jansen de Jongh* has nothing to do with this Chamber, but when said *Jan* took his leave, the Board decided, to deliberate on the testament to-morrow and consult the Schout.

Friday, November 14th, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Nicasius de Sille*, *Allard Anthony*, *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Before the Board appears *Reintje Pieters van Bolsart*. As he has no beavers to pay for the work on the yacht, built for him by *Jan Hutsitson*, he offers to *Herry Bresar* for his claim against the estate of said *Hutsitson* payment in linnen, which having been proposed to *Bresar's* wife, who was present, and she having been asked, whether she was satisfied with it, she answers, her husband being away from home she could not take that upon her-

self, making many words and saying among others, the Orphanmasters had wronged her and other improper things.

The Officer was authorized and directed, to keep *Nicolaes Velthuysen* a prisoner in his own house and have him guarded by the Court Messenger.

Reintje Pieters van Bolsart re-entering has made an agreement with the Orphanmasters concerning the 904 fl. in beavers, amounting to 113 beavers, which are to be paid in wampum at 12 fl. the beaver. He promises to pay 500 fl. within eight days, keeping the balance for a while yet, for which he will give sufficient bail.

Nicolaes Velthuyzen appearing, the inventory of the property, left by his deceased wife and surrendered by him, as made by Secretary *Nevius* in the presence of Sieur *Isaack de Foreest* and *Timotheus Gabry*, is shown to him and he says, there was not so much wampum as stated, that he has bought linnen for the pieces of $\frac{8}{8}$ [18] after his wife's death and expended the beavers for house rent to the widow of *Goodman Herck* and he delivers his account books to the Board, as ordered yesterday. Asked whether he has not more books, he answers No. At the request of the Schout and the Orphanmasters the Worshipful Burgomasters *Olof Stevenzen* and *Marten Cregier* came, who were told, that *Nicolas Velthuyzen* had brought his books and being asked, what should be done with them, they decided after mature consideration, to put the

[18] A piece of $\frac{8}{8}$ was equal to 12½ cents.

same into the hands of Notary *Mattheus de Vos*, who is to draw from the books a correct statement of the estate, examining for this purpose all bills and accounts, for which labour he is to be paid.

Order of Authorization for *Mattheus de Vos.*

Herewith Notary *Mattheus de Vos* is authorized by the Orphanmasters of this City to examine the books and accounts of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, to draw out from them a statement of all the debts and credits entered by said *Velthuysen*, that is until April 22^{d} of this year, and not since that date, as well as of the debts, paid in full or in part by *Velthuysen* after April 22. He is to do this as soon as possible. Done etc. Novbr. 14, 1659.

By order etc.

Jeene Hom appearing before the Board requests, as before, to have the money, left to her children by the last will of *Jan Hutsitson.* She says, she can prove it and is ordered, to come again next week.

To-day, November 19, 1659, *Pieter van Couvenhoven* and *Hendrick Obe*, by the Orphanmasters of this City elected guardians of the children of *Jetje Jans* dec'd., parties of the first part, and *Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck*, father of said children, party of the second part, have agreed about the purchase by said *Gerrit* of the property, inherited by the children from their mother, to-wit, said *Gerrit Hendricksen* shall pay, which he promises to do, to his said children, when they come of age to marry,

the sum of 650 fl., that is to *Otto Gerritsen* 200 fl., to *Jan Gerritsen*, because of his infirmities, 250 fl. and to *Lysbet Gerrits* 200 fl., and not more, all in good merchantable wampum, he remaining in possession of the whole estate, left by said *Ytje Jans* at her death and giving as security for the before mentioned payments his house and lot, as more fully appears by the mortgage, executed before Secretary *Joannes Nevius* and witnesses on the date, as above.

Thursday, November 27, 1659, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift.*

Reintje Pieters van Bolsart entering shows the accounts of several people, to whom he has paid for some things for the yacht, which *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. should have furnished, as he did not wish to expend anything on the yacht, but had agreed on building it under such conditions and delivered it bare. He is asked, whether he had made a written contract with *Jan Hutsitson* for the plan of the yacht, and answers No, he himself wanted to do it, but *Hutsitson* was opposed to it saying: "We have done other business together." Whereas they trusted each other and whereas no written evidence of a contract for building the yacht is produced, the Orphanmasters made the following agreement with *Reintje Pieters:*

To-day, November 27, 1659, appeared before the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. *Reintje Pieters van Bolsaart*, skipper, who,—having

bound himself by an obligation, executed before Secretary *Joannes Nevius* and witnesses by his partner, *Lauwerens Lauwerensen*, Novbr. 12, 1658, to pay to the administrators of the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd., appointed by the Orphanmasters, for enlarging the yacht, now used by him and built for him by said *Hutsitson*, on condition of receiving compensation, if any further expenditures had to be made for the yacht above what was orally agreed upon with *Hutsitson*, as he says,—agrees as follows, to-wit: the pay for enlarging said yacht shall be set off against the charges, which he has paid and still has to pay. He shall besides be and he is, for reasons, discharged by the Orphanmasters from the payment of two beavers, so that he owes on the aforesaid obligation of Novbr. 12, 1658, a balance only of 70 beavers, which he promises to pay in six months from date with 10 p. c. interest until its full payment, giving as security two notes to his order, made by *Pieter Bronck* of Fort Orange, of which one for 60 beavers has no date, but is numbered N° 1 and has fallen due in June, 1658, the other of 64 beavers is dated September 8, 1657, and had also fallen due in June, 1658, being numbered on the back N° 2: so that in default of his paying the money may be recovered without loss or expense from these notes. He further binds his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to all courts, judges and laws. In witness whereof has said

Reintje Pieters signed the original of this copy on the date, as above at Amsterdam in N. N. It was signed: This is the mark of *Reintje Pieters van Bolsart*, made by himself. Below stood: In my presence *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary.

On the 28th of November, 1659, *Reintje Pieters van Bolsaart* has deposited in the Orphans Court the two above described obligations for the payment of said sum.

Authorization.

Whereas *Cornelis Herpersen Jager* (huntsman) has died at the house of *Hans Stein* on the 18th of December, leaving some property here, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City herewith appoint and authorize Sieur *Jacobus Backer* and *Hans Stein* to make, in the presence of Schepen *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin*, an inventory of said property and report it to this Board. Done etc December 22, 1659. By order etc.

To-day, December 31, 1659, Schepen *Pieter van Couwenhoven* and *Adriaan Vincent*, by the Orphanmasters appointed guardians of the minor child of *Margriet Crommete*, parties of the first part, and *Jan de Pre*, father of said child, party of the second part, have made an agreement concerning the settlement upon said child of the maternal estate, to-wit: said *Jan de Pre* shall pay to the child, as he promises to do, when of age or about to marry, the sum of

200 fl. current wampum and no more, remaining in the sole possession of the property, left by said *Margriet* at her death, and giving as security for the payment as above his house and lot, as more fully appears by the deed, executed before Secretary *Joannes Nevius* and witnesses this day.

Friday, January 30, 1660, at the City Hall present Orphanmasters *Allard Anthony*, *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister*.

The Board decided, that if *Herry Bresar* will not accept the payment in wampum for what claim he has against the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd., the wampum shall remain at his charge in deposit at the Secretary's office.

As the wife of *Herry Bresar* is dissatisfied with the offer of the Orphanmasters, concerning the payment of goods, received from *Reintje Pieters van Bolsaart*, saying, she loses thereby one third, the Orphanmasters decide to pay her the balance in wampum.

Herry Bresar entering, he is offered the wampum in payment of his claim against the estate of *Jan Hutsitson*, and answers, he will not take wampum. Again asked whether he will accept the wampum, he repeats he will not have it, but considering he says, he will take it, provided his wife may count it. This was granted, but it shall be done at a convenient time in presence of Secretary *Nevius* at the City Hall.

Jacobus Backer and *Hans Stein*, as creditors of the estate of *Cornelis Herpersen Jager* authorized to make an inventory of said estate in presence of Schepen *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin*, appear before the Board and produce the inventory: as therein is mentioned a barrel of brandy in the Warehouse of the Company, belonging to said *Cornelis Herpersen Jager*, and as *Nicolaas Verlett* claims it as preferred creditor, they contend, that it belongs to the general mass for the benefit of all creditors and therefore will go to law with him, for he is not a preferred creditor, but must come in concurrence with the others according to an extract from *Jager's* account books, showing his debts.

Hans Stein excusing himself by his vocation and saying, he has not the time to assist in bringing into order the estate, the Orphanmasters appoint in his place as administrator with *Jacobus Backer Timotheus Gabry* by the following document:

Whereas *Cornelis Herpersen Jager* died at the house of *Hans Stein* December 18, 1659, leaving some property, of which an inventory has been made by *Jacobus Backer* and *Hans Stein* in presence of Schepen *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* according to order, which was shown by them to this Board, and whereas the Orphanmasters consider it necessary, that administrators of said estate should be appointed, to pay the funeral expenses and other creditors and enable the heirs to receive, what belongs to them, Therefore their Worships appoint as such administrators

Messrs. *Timotheus Gabry* and *Jacobus Backer*, who are to clear said estate and give the proof thereof to this Board.

Done at Amsterdam in N. N. in meeting of the Orphanmasters, January 30, 1660. Below stood: By order of the Orphanmasters and it was signed: *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary.

Lauwerens Andriezen appearing declares, not to have received more from the estate, left by *Cristiaen Barens* dec'd, his wife's former husband, than 574 fl. from *Salomon Hanzen.* He also says, that there are still outstanding at the South about 13 or 14 hundred florins, heavy money at the rate of 10 beads of wampum for one stuyver[19], and shows an account of the estate with what it owes and what is due to it. The Orphanmasters reply, that a copy of the account shall be made by Secretary *Nevius* and the original shall be returned to him: they further order him, to bring to the next session the statement and inventory, shown to the Director General and Council, with their marginal order thereon.

The Orphanmasters have resolved, to order *Gerrit Hendricksen* and *Jan de Pre* to execute mortgages on their houses to secure the settlement upon their children of their resp. maternal estates.

On the 6th of February, 1660, Secretary *Nevius* paid to the wife of *Herry Bresar* the following sums in wampum, in deduction of their claim against the

[19] The usual rate was 6 white beads or 4 black ones for a stuyver equal to 2 cents.

estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. and she acknowledged the receipts thereof by her signature :

One box with		fl. 49.04	One box with		fl. 49.16
One do	"	" 65.10	"	" "	" 54.18
One do	"	" 50.03	"	" "	" 27.05
One do	"	" 44.16	loose wampum		" 9.05
		fl. 209.13			fl. 141.4
					fl. 350.17

Tuesday, February 28, 1660, at the City Hall present Orphanmasters *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister.*

The Board has received the following order :

Whereas *Nicolaas Langevelthuysen* has removed and fled from here and whereas the Officer and the Orphanmasters of the City have seized some of his goods, and brought them to this City Hall, where they were attached by them and the creditors, while the goods at his house are guarded by order of the Court at great expense to the detriment of the creditors, Therefore Burgomasters and Schepens, to prevent further loss, direct and authorize herewith Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister*, Orphanmasters of this City, to sell said attached goods as soon as possible for the benefit of the creditors and the payment of the mises of justice, giving the proceeds of the sale in consignment of the Secretary and the Court disposing

thereof hereafter. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. February 24, 1660.

By order of Burgomasters and Schepens

JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

The Orphanmasters disposed of the matter as may be seen by the following remonstrance:

To the Honourable, Worshipful Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N.

Worshipful Sirs

We, the Orphanmasters of this City, most respectfully show, that they received by the Court Messenger an order, dated February 24, 1660, concerning the property, left by the absconder *Nicolaas Langevelthuysen*, whereby they are directed, to bring the proceeds of a sale of the property in consignment to the Secretary of this City, so that your Honours may dispose of them. Whereas we as Orphanmasters think, that this is a case, pertaining only to the Orphans Court, and that we cannot be appointed administrators, the more so as we have already acted in this case concerning the guardianship over the minor children, therefore we request, that your Honours will please, to leave the matter absolutely in our hands, as it concerns us as Orphanmasters, or if not, to take charge of it yourselves and care for the children. Whereupon relying we remain

Your Honours subjects

The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam

By their order JOANNES NEVIUS Secr^y^

Done at Amsterdam in N. N. February 28, 1660.

The following order was written on the margin of the foregoing:

Burgomasters and Schepens authorize the Orphanmasters, to sell the property of *Nicolaas Langevelthuysen* as soon as possible and to keep the proceeds at the Orphans Court until further order from this Board. Done etc. March 2, 1660.

By order etc.

Thursday, March 4, 1660, at the City Hall present Orphanmasters *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Having received authority from Burgomasters and Schepens, dated March 2d last, to sell as soon as possible the property of the absconder *Nicolaas Langevelthuysen*, the Orphanmasters herewith authorize and direct Sieurs *Pieter Rudolphus* and *Tielman van Vleeck*, as administrators, to sell said property, regulate the estate of said *Langevelthuysen* and bring the proceeds of the sale to this Board. Secretary *Nevius* is ordered to give them the proper commission.

On the 15th of April, 1660, appeared before me, *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary of the Orphans Chamber of the City of Amsterdam in New Netherland, *Pieter Jansen Witt*, who in the presence of *Hendrick Willemsen*, baker, and *Jan Jansen van Breeste* produced a petition, presented to the Director General and Council of N. N. August 25, 1658,

wherein he reports the death of his wife, who left him four children, and his intention to marry again, as well, following the customs and manners of the country, the property, found after his wife's death, amounting to 3200 fl., the florin at 20 stuyvers, of which said childrens share or half is 1600 fl. He declares on his conscience, that there is no more and that no more would be found by impartial men, and takes as guardians and administrators to take care of the property, so that the said children may not be harmed in their interests, *Hendrick Willemsen*, the baker, and *Jan Jansen van Breeste*, binding for the aforesaid children's share of 1600 fl. his person and property to secure this sum for the benefit of the children here at the Manhattans with the knowledge of said guardians as soon as possible, to be ratified by the Director General and Council, if they approve it. The following marginal order was written on said petition: Director General and Council consider this request just and hereby authorize and direct the Orphanmasters of this City, to give such orders in this matter, as they shall think proper. Done at Fort Amsterdam in N. N., April 12, 1660. Below stood:

By Order etc C. VAN RUYVEN, Secretary.

Before me, *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary of the Orphans Court of Amsterdam in N. N. and before the underscribed witnesses appeared *Pieter Jansen Witt*, who declared that, as he intends to marry

again, he deposits as the share of the maternal inheritance of his four children by his deceased wife *Dorethe Volckers* the sum of 1600 fl., at 20 st. the florin, in wampum, which he states is the just half of the goods and property left by his wife at her death. He also promises to secure this money here at the Manhattans for the children's benefit as soon as possible with the knowledge of *Hendrick Willemsen*, baker, and *Jan Jansen van Brestee*, elected by him as guardians and approved by the Orphan-masters, further to bring up said children, until they are of age or marry, to board and clothe them and do all for them, that an honest father is bound to do, for which he places his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, nothing excepted, at the disposal of all courts and laws. In witness whereof he has signed these presents before *Rut Jacobsen* and *Claas van Elslant* senior, as credible witnesses called in, at Amsterdam in N. N., April 15, 1660.

Pieter Jansen Wit.
Rutger Jacobsen.
Claes van Elslant the elder.

Thursday, April 29, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant.*

Before the Board appeared *Cornelis Aarzen*, who requested that the settlement of the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. may go on, whereupon *Jacobus Vis* and

Isaack Kip were called in, who upon the question, how it stands with said estate, answered, they had given papers to *Jan Gillissen Koeck*, to collect money, but had so far received no returns: they produce some writings concerning the estate and *Jacobus Vis* requests to be discharged from acting as administrator. The Orphanmasters direct, that an order be sent to *Jan van der Bilt* to appear before the Board next Thursday, that is in eight days; the order reads as follows: *Jan van der Bilt* is hereby ordered by the Orphanmasters, to appear before them a week from to-day, Thursday, and bring with him the inventory of the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., stating what cattle, lands and other goods he has left. Done etc. April 29, 1660. By order etc.

Commission for *Jacobus Vis* and *Isaack Kip*.

The Orphanmasters of this City herewith authorize *Jacobus Vis* and *Isaack Kip* to take a copy of the inventory of the estate, left by *Andreas Hoppe* at his death, to settle upon the children their paternal inheritance.

Mattheus de Vos comes in bringing the books of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, which had been given him by Secretary *Nevius*. They were turned over to Notary *Tielman van Vleeck*, with *Pieter Rudolfus* administrator of *Velthuysen's* property and the case was recommanded to them.

Friday, May 7, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant*.

Before the Board appeared *Jan van der Bilt* and *Cornelis Aarzen*, parents of the children, named as his heirs by *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. in the testament, executed before Notary *Dirck van Schelluyne* and witnesses. Said *Jan van der Bilt* declares, that he undertakes to pay for his child, *Merritje Jans*, and for the child of *Cornelis Aarsen*, called *Lysbet Cornelis*, the sum of 700 fl. in wampum, or for each 350 fl., out of the property, left by *Jacob Coppe* in goods, lands and otherwise, including the charges on his farm, to-wit 30 fl., still due to *Tousein Bryeel* for the land; he binds as security for the payment of said 700 fl. to the Orphans Court here said farm and cattle and generally his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all courts and laws.

Hans Carelsen states to the Board, that he has bought of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. a yacht for 750 fl. half in beavers and half in wampum, which he has paid to *Geertje Hoppe*, from whom he has an acquittance, showing he has given her 50 beavers and 400 fl. in wampum. He says, the remainder of the half in beavers is figured at 10 fl.[20] the beaver.

Isaack Kip appearing is informed of the agreement and offer, made by *Jan van der Bilt* to the Orphan-masters.

Jan Rutgersen is spoken to about his bill and told, what items might be considered funeral expenses.

[20] The official rate for a beaver was 8 fl. or $3.20.

Friday, May 23, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leendezen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant.*

Isaack Kip produces before the Board the inventory of the estate left by *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd. and after examining it the Orphanmasters order him, to extract from it a list of items concerning the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd.

Before the Board appeared *Willem Cornelissen*, called the Rich Bachelor[21] who produced a power of attorney from the widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen* dec'd., called *Styntje Pieters de Meestres* (the mistress), executed before Notary *Hendrick Schaaf* and witnesses December 17, 1659, authorizing him to collect for her behoof all such property, as her husband has left here at his death. *Abraham de la Noy* and *Anthony de Milt* appearing are informed, that somebody has come from the Fatherland, who has power of attorney from the widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, to collect his property here. Said *de la Noy* and *de Milt* reply, that they have also received a letter from the widow and that they will turn over to the Orphans Chamber at the next meeting their accounts and *reliqua:* they request to be discharged from their administration and on leaving they are told, to have their accounts ready by next Friday. *Willem Cornelissen* re-entering is told, that the accounts will be ready in a week and that he will have to come again then. He re-

[21] *Vryer*, wooer, suitor.

quests quicker expedition, as he is going South by the first chance and his goods are shipped already.

Before us, the underwritten Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., appeared *Geertje Hendricks*, widow of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd., who stated, that she would give to her children, *Catrina*, *Wilhelmus*, *Hendrick*, *Matthys* and *Adolf Hoppe*, as their share of their father's estate the sum of 1000 fl. or 200 fl. to each child at once and not more, when they came of age or married, according to the agreement, made with the chosen guardians *Cornelis Aarssen* and *Lambert Huybersen Mol* and executed before Notary *Mattheus de Vos* and witnesses March 6, 1659. As security for the payment of this sum she gives a special mortgage on her house and lot on the Eastside of the Heeren Straat (Broadway), bounded . . . (not finished in the original).

Wednesday, June 2, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant*.

Before the Board appeared Sieur *Abraham de la Noy* and *Anthony de Milt*, who hand to the Orphanmasters the accounts and money from their administration of the estate, left by *Bartelt Barteltsen* dec'd. After examination thereof the Board finds the accounts correct and well made and thanking them for their labours they give a receipt for the proceeds of the goods sold and papers relating to

the estate. *Willem Cornelissen*, called the Rich Bachelor, also appearing, hands in the papers concerning his power of attorney from the widow of said *Bartelt Barteltsen*, after examining which the Orphanmasters find, that it gives no power, to demand and receive from the before named administrators the proceeds of the goods sold, as a letter, written by said widow to the administrators, proves that power has also been given to the Hon^ble^ *Joannes de Decker* for the same goods and it is ordered, to put the money into the Orphans Court until his arrival.

Isaack Kip shows to the Board a list of items, extracted from the inventory, made by the widow and guardians of the children of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., of his estate.

Reinout Reinoutsen and *Gerrit Fullewever*, guardians of the child of *Cornelis Jansen Clopper*, request, that the settlement of the estate might be closed, as the money for the goods has not yet all come in: whereupon it was promised to them, that care should be taken and the Secretary as Vendumaster was directed to draw up a list of the debtors for goods purchased and to give the same to *Claas van Elslant* for collection and to report to the Orphanmasters the names of those, who do not pay.

Friday, June 18, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevensen Cortlant.*

Before the Board appeared *Geertje Hendricks*,

widow of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd., who on being asked, how matters stood between her and *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., answers confusedly, saying that she has been above [22] and has spoken to some of the debtors for payment: some of them said, they had paid. Asked about the grindstones, she says, they are almost all sold. As to the bearskins she says, she has divided them with *Beletje*. Then asked, how it is about the yacht, she answers, she has received up to 500 fl. and concerning the horse she says, it does not concern *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. She further states, that at the settling of accounts with *Coppe*, she remained in his debts for 14 beavers, and that 250 fl. in wampum and 6 beavers are secured on the estate of said *Coppe*. She promises to deliver next week a written statement of what she owes the estate and of what she has to claim from it.

I, the undersigned *Willem Cornelissen*, attorney for *Styntje Pieters Meestres*, the widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, who died here, [have received out of the hands [23]] of the administrators of the estate of said *Barteltsen*, appointed by the Orphanmasters of this City, all they have done and accomplished, which they have turned over to me at the Orphans Chamber of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. in wampum and beavers with all the papers, concerning said estate, thanking their Honours, the Orphanmasters,

[22] Fort Orange, etc.

[23] Marginal note in pencil, apparently written at a later date.

and said administrators for all they have done towards settling the estate and herewith promising to guard them against all future claims, which might be made, for that purpose binding myself and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, and placing all at the disposition of all courts and laws. In witness whereof I have signed this at Amsterdam in N. N. in the presence of the Orphanmasters June 2, 1660. (No signature.)

Friday, August 6, 1660, present at the City Hall Messrs. *Paulus Lenderzen van der Grift*, *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Before the Board appeared *Jacob Vis* and *Isaack Kip*, who were told, that *Geertje Hoppe* had delivered a statement concerning the goods, which she had in partnership with *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. and otherwise, but it was not intelligible. *Geertje Hoppe* coming in was spoken to about items in her statement and being examined she declares as follows: She has received from *Hans Carelsen* for the yacht, sold to him by *Jacob Coppe*, the sum of 300 fl. and 24 beavers, of which one-half belonged to her; she had given to *Jacob Coppe*, when he went to Fort Orange, for her own private account 100 fl., to buy beavers with it for her: *Jacob Coppe* had also taken along four ankers of brandy, at four beavers the anker, for their joint account, but she did not know, what had become of the brandy. Then she says, *Meindert* the smith at Fort Orange has it, who also must have a

parcel of stockings and shoes and six grindstones, costing nine beavers, although in the inventory they are put down at six beavers : further there is due at Fort Orange from one and the other for their joint account, one-half belonging to *Coppe*, the other to her, to wit from *Arent van Curlaar* 3½ beavers, from the brickmaker 36 fl. in wampum and a beaver, from *Vos* 3½ beavers, from the wives of two men 3 beavers ; she says, *Jacob Coppe* was to receive from her 14 beavers, of which he has had eight, six from her and two for her from *Symon Jansen Romeyn* and *Symon Jansen* has paid for her to *Jacob Coppe* 50 fl., which was received by *Jan van der Bilt* and were for joint account: *Willem Pietersen de Groot* has in his keeping an elkhide, belonging to both of them, and *Jacob Coppe* claims 60 fl. surgeon's fees for his finger, including expenses and trouble. She was asked, what had become of the 13 bearskins, 6 elkhides and 170 deerskins, sent to Holland : she answers, she had not sent any deerskins to Holland, only the bearskins and elkhides, but in partnership with *Cornelis Aarsen.* Asked, how much she had received for them, she says, she does not know, but later admits four beavers. About the horse she says, that her husband had bought it for her with linnen and that it does not concern *Jacob Coppe.* The Orphanmasters direct, that *Cornelis Aarzen* and wife, *Geertje Hendricks, Jacobus Vis* and *Isaack Kip* shall be summoned for next Monday.

Before the Board came *Pieter Rudolfus* and

Tielman van Vleck, administrators of the insolvent estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, and produced the account books and the balance sheet, drawn up from them. The Orphanmasters decide, to select some of the principal creditors, summon them and then discuss with them their accounts and claims.

Monday, August 9, 1660, at the City Hall present (as above, except *de Peyster*).

The Hon^ble^ *Joannes de Decker*, Councillor of N. N., comes before the Board and produces a power of attorney from *Styntje Pieters*, widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, master mason, dec'd., executed before Notary *Hendrick Schaaf* and witnesses, December 19, 1659, which having been read by the Secretary, the Orphanmasters request copy thereof and said *de Decker* granted it, leaving the document for that purpose with the Board, who promised, to turn over to him everything pertaining to the estate next Friday.

Jacobus Vis and *Isaack Kip*, administrators of the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., came with *Cornelis Aarsen* and wife, *Jan van der Bilt* and *Geertje Hendricks*. Some items in the inventory of the goods, left by her late husband and *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., were read to her, to state, what had become of them, in the first place, what had been done with the box with 77 fl. 7. in wampum. She says, it was only the box, come for the deerskins, which she had divided with *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Jan van der*

Bilt were asked, whether they knew anything about it and said No. *Geertje Hendricks* admits having received for the yacht, sold by *Jacob Coppe* to *Hans Carelsen*, 300 fl. and 24 beavers, among them some rags and trifles, belonging to her, of which one half belonged to *Jacob Coppe*. *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Jan van der Bilt* state, they know nothing of the 100 fl., which *Geertje Hendricks* says, *Jacob Coppe* had taken for her own account to Fort Orange for the purchase of beavers: as to the 50 fl., received by *Jan van der Bilt*, he says, he knows nothing of them. The horse, *Geertje* says, concerns her alone, which *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Jan van der Bilt* deny, saying one half of it belongs to *Coppe*, as *Thomas Hal* and *Lambert Huybertsen* (*Mol*) know: they are ordered, to call them.

The administrators of the estate of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd. appearing say, they have learned, that *Jacob Coppe* has to receive from *Tomas Swartwout* 99 planks and that Master *Paulus van der Beeck* had gone to *Swartwout's*, to ask for the delivery of the planks; thereupon *Swartwout* answered: "That is none of your business, that concerns only *Jacob Coppe*." *Thomas Hall* and *Lambert Huybersen Moll* coming are asked, what they know about the horse and by whom it was bought. They say: by *Andrees Hoppe* and *Lambert*, on being asked for his knowledge, whether the horse concerns *Jacob Coppe*, says, he had heard, *Jacob* was part-owner. Skipper *Jacob Jansen Staats* appearing is asked about the bearskins

and elkhides, shipped with him by *Jacob Coppe.* He says, he has made his accounting for them to *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Geertje Hendricks* and has given each 18 fl., as the proceeds therefrom.

Jacob Vis, *Isaack Kip*, *Cornelis Aarsen* and *Jan van der Bilt* are informed of the statement, made to the Orphanmasters by *Geertje Hendricks* and are asked, whether they will believe her on her word or whether she shall confirm her declaration under oath. They say, they leave that to the Orphanmasters and it was resolved, to give *Geertje* time for consideration and to make her swear to her statement. *Geertje Hendricks* says, she has settled on her children 1000 fl. and promising to pay them in beavers, she requests, that it shall be recorded. *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius* were asked by the Board, how it stood with the estate of *Lauwerens Jansen.* They said, badly, and were directed, to furnish a list of the debtors, so that they might be summoned.

Geertje Hendricks, widow of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd., coming before the Board again, declared, that she had given *Jacob Coppe*, 100 fl. in wampum, to be exchanged for beavers at Fort Orange and that on the 14 beavers, which she owed *Jacob Coppe*, she had paid herself six beavers, and through *Symon Jansen* two; also that the horse, sold to *Thomas Hall* for 300 lbs. of tobacco, concerned her alone: that the box with 77 fl. in wampum was divided by her with *Jacob Coppe* in the presence of *Symon Jansen*, as well as the money for the 170 deerskins: as to the 50 fl.,

mentioned in the inventory, she has paid them to *Jacob Coppe* by *Symon Jansen* and she has divided the money for the 13 bearskins and 6 elkhides, shipped by *Jacob Coppe* to Holland with *Jacob Jansen Staats* with *Cornelis Aarsen:* she received from *Hans Carelsen*, for the yacht sold to him by *Jacob Coppe*, 300 fl. and 24 beavers. She is asked, whether she will confirm the foregoing statement by an oath and answers No, whereupon she is ordered by the Orphanmasters, to prove her declarations by next Monday, the 16th of August, or by default swear to them.

To the Honourable, Worshipful Burgomasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N.

Respectfully show the Orphanmasters of the City, that frequently there are brought before them the estates of deceased persons and others, for the settlement of which we have to appoint administrators and whereas these often have their own business, but nevertheless do their best to settle the estates, while they receive nothing for their work and such men are paid in the Fatherland the fortieth penny, therefore some reward ought to be given them for their labours and we request, your Honours will please to authorize us, to make them the same allowance or as much, as you may consider fair. Awaiting hereupon your favorable answer we remain

Your Honours' affectionate friends
The Orphanmasters of this City

Amsterdam in N. N. August 10, 1660.

By their Order: JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Marginal reply: The Orphanmasters are hereby authorized, to allow administrators one stiver of each florin or as much, as fairness admits. Amsterdam in N. N. Aug. 11, 1660. By Order of the Burgomasters *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary.

Friday, August 13, 1660, at the City Hall present as before.

Reintje Pieters van Bolsart appearing before the Board is asked, whether he has the means to pay, and says No, offering to pay the beavers in wampum at beaver price. Asked, how many beavers he can pay, he says, *Pieter Bronck* has promised to give him 20 beavers and he intends to go up the river, which the Orphanmasters allowed him to do, recommending him to bring as many beavers, as he can and to pay the balance in wampum at beaver price, as now going.

Abraham de la Noy comes before the Board and is told, to close the account of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, as a power of attorney has come with *Joannes de Decker*.

Tuesday, August 17, 1660, at the City Hall present as before.

The Hon^{ble} *Joannes de Decker*, Councillor of N. N., coming in, all the documents and papers with the wampum and beavers, belonging to the estate of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, are handed to him:

To-day, the 19th of December, 1659, appeared before me, *Hendrick Schaaf*, Notary Public, admitted by the Court of Holland and residing at Amsterdam,

and before the below named witnesses, the worthy *Styntje Pieters*, widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, late mason at Amsterdam in N. N., to me well known, who in *optima forma* constitutes and empowers, as she hereby does, Mr. *Joannes de Decker*, on behalf of the W. I. Company, Member of the Council of New Netherland, to promote in her name and behalf her business, concerning the estate and goods, left by her deceased husband there, to assist the administrators of said estate, appointed by the Orphanmasters of said City, and to do all, he may consider advisable for her benefit, with or without said administrators, to examine their accounts, and see to the proper sending over of the values, to demand from *Hermen Reidersen* of New Amstel, mason, accounts, proof and *reliqua* with payment of what he owes, to compel him and other debtors of her late husband, employing if necessary legal means and legally do everything required, as if she, the constituent, being herself present, might or should do, even if an ampler authority were necessary, than herein contained and further *in omnibus et contra omnes ad lites, cum potestate substituendi* (in everything and against all in lawsuits with power of substitution), promising to ratify whatever her attorney or his substitute may do according to law. Done at Amsterdam in the presence of *Jan Teunissen*, shoemaker, and *Marten Harbertsen*, basket maker, both called in as witnesses. Beneath stood: Which I attest, signed *H. Schaaf*, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned *Joannes de Decker*, attorney for *Styntje Pieters*, widow of *Bartelt Barteltsen*, late mason in New Netherland, herewith declare and acknowledge, that by virtue of my power, executed before Notary *Hendrick Schaaf* and witnesses, December 19, 1659, I have received from the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. the sum of fl. 155. 9 s. in wampum, the proceeds of divers goods, sold by Vendu master *Joannes Nevius*, as proved by the account thereof, given to me, further 7 beavers and fl. 29.4 in light money, also proceeds of some goods, sold by said *Nevius*, according to account, and finally all papers, including the inventory of said goods, and others. By virtue of abovesaid power of attorney I discharge them from all claims, which might be made against said estate and subscribe this in witness thereof at Amsterdam in N. N., August 17, 1660. J. DE DECKER.

Friday, August 20, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift*, *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Before the Board appeared *Raghel van Tienhoven* asking for the appointment of two administrators, to settle her estate,[24] and proposing Sieur *Daniel van Donck*, Sieur *Joannes van Brugh*, Master *Jacob Hendricksen Varrevangen* and *Joannes van der Meulen*, whereupon the messenger was ordered to call *Joannes van Brugh* and *Daniel van Donck*.

[24] Her husband, *Cornelis van Tienhoven*, had absconded.

Geertje Hendricks and *Lambert Huyberzen* Mol coming in, *Geertje* is asked, pursuant to order of August 9th last, whether she has the proofs; she requests time, until *Symon Jansen* shall have returned, which was granted.

Daniel van Donck appearing, the request of *Raghel van Tienhoven* is communicated to him. He excuses himself saying, he had no time before the sailing of the ships and could not take care of it before winter, as after the ships had sailed he intends to go to Fort Orange, but after having been urged he finally accepts the charge and *Joannes van Brugh* was joined to him; the Secretary was then ordered to write the order, with which, when read to her, *Raghel van Tienhoven* said, she was satisfied.

Order.

Whereas *Raghel van Tienhoven* has appeared at the session of the Orphanmasters of this City, requesting that two administrators be appointed for the settlement of her estate, and choosing as such Sieur *Joannes van Brugh*, Old Schepen of this City, and Sieur *Daniel van Donck*, Burgher here, therefore the Orphanmasters, having considered this request, herewith appoint and authorize said *Joannes van Brugh* and *Daniel van Donck* as administrators of the estate of said *Raghel van Tienhoven*, to settle it as quickly as possible and report the condition of it to this Board. Done etc. etc.

Jan de Pre comes in with *Adriaen Vincent* and

Adriaen is informed of the settlement upon *Jan de Pre's* child; he is also asked, whether cattle has been sold for that settlement, to which he answers Yes and is then told, it had been done without the order of this Board. *Jan de Pre* is told, the Orphanmasters had decided, that the money for the settlement upon his child of the maternal inheritance, secured by mortgage on the house, should remain so, but he shall be allowed to draw the interest for the bringing up of said child, agreeably to the contract made before Secretary *Nevius* December 31, 1659 with *Pieter van Couwenhoven*, late Schepen, and *Adriaen Vincent*, as guardians appointed by the Orphanmasters; and if he requires the capital, he is allowed to take it on giving sufficient security.

Monday, September 6, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Joannes de Peister.*

Geertje Hendricks appearing produces a written statement by *Symon Jansen Romeyn*, according to which he has helped to settle the account between *Geertje Hendricks* and *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., to divide the goods, to count the wampum, of which he gave each his share, which they took; he has counted out to *Jacob Coppe* 50 fl., mentioned in the account as due to him, as well as 14 beavers, of which he gave *Coppe* two. *Geertje Hendricks* is informed, that she must swear, first, that the horse, sold to *Thomas Hall*, belonged to her alone, that she had

given 100 fl. to *Jacob Coppe* for her private account, that she has paid *Jacob Coppe* six beavers on the fourteen, which she owed. She says: "I do not intend to do it and shall not do it, now nor never." As *Geertje* refuses to confirm under oath, that she had given for her own account 100 fl. to *Jacob Coppe*, going to Fort Orange, she is forbidden by the Orphanmasters to draw them from *Jacob Coppe's* estate and ordered, on pain of execution, to pay over within six weeks 150 fl. for the horse, 150 fl. for the yacht, 12 beavers to close the account with *Jacob Coppe* and 12 beavers more for the yacht, altogether 300 fl. and 24 beavers.

The Orphanmasters resolved to give a power of attorney to *Dirck van Schelluyne* for collecting at Fort Orange the debts due and the goods belonging to the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. according to a list, which shall be given to him and for constraining those, who are not willing, to pay, but he is not to make any agreement with them. People, who say, they have paid, what they owe, shall swear to it.

Power of Attorney.

We, the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., herewith constitute and empower Sieur *Dirck van Schelluyne*, Secretary of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck near Fort Orange in N. N., to demand and receive in the name and on behalf of the Orphans Court of this City all such outstanding debts, as *Jacob Coppe* dec'd. has left uncollected at

his death at Fort Orange according to the list, shown to us and now handed over to our said attorney, to call for payment, to attend all sessions of Court for this purpose, until judgment is given and execution ordered, to compel the debtors to pay and if necessary to seize persons and goods, to have debtors confirm under oath, what they have to say about the debt or a payment thereof, to give acquittance for payments, but not to make agreements with anybody, and to do all, what his good judgment shall advise for the benefit of the estate of said *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., even though herein it may not be expressly stated ;—we promising to ratify, what this our attorney shall have done, provided that when called upon, he will give an account of his actions. Done etc September 6, 1660.

Tuesday, September 17, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift*, *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Before the Board appeared *Reintje Pieters*, who on being asked, whether he could pay, answered with the promise to bring his arrears in wampum in two or four days and said, that *Arien Symonsen* must pay 20 beavers. The Orphanmasters order *Reintje Pieters* to satisfy them in four days and not to leave before. The Board further resolve, that he must pay for each beaver, which he owes, 14 fl. in wampum, excepting the 20 beavers, promised by him. This resolution having been communicated to *Reintje*, he

says, it is too much and offers 12 fl, hoping to pay in four days 400 fl. and complaining, that it is hard to get money from people. But as it has been resolved, that he is to pay 14 fl. for the beaver, he is told, it must remain so; the interest shall however be taken into consideration and instead of 10 he may pay only 7 p. c.

Pieter Jacobzen Marius hands in the account of the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd., which, it was resolved, should be recorded.

Claas van Elslant, the younger, is ordered, to bring a list of the estates.

Nicolaas Boot is asked by the Board, whether he will keep the boy of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* in his service. He says Yes and asked, how much he is to earn, he answers, the boy should live with him for three years and serve him for board and clothing; he also promises, to give him at the expiration of three years, if he goes to Holland, 150 fl. Holland currency, if he does not go, two ordinary hogsheads of tobacco, weighing net at least 600 lbs., on condition, that the boy serve out his time. The boy of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* was called in and asked, whether he will serve N. Boot. He answers Yes and is told, that he must behave well and take care, that no complaints are made.

Copy of the Contract between *Nicolaas Boot* and the Orphanmasters.

To-day, the 17th of September, 1660, appeared at the session of the Orphanmasters Sieur *Nicolaas Boot*, Burgher and inhabitant here, who made with

the Orphanmasters an agreement about the hiring of one *Hendrick de Graaff*, son of *Jannetie Willems*, wife of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, by her first husband, for three consecutive years from the date hereof, during which time and for which services *Nicolaas Boot* promises to give the boy board and clothing and at the end of his term 150 fl. Holland currency, if said *Nicolaas Boot* should, within this time, go to Holland, if not, he promises to give him here two hhds. of good, choice Virginia leaf tobacco, each hogshead weighing at least 300 lbs. net. It is further specially agreed, that, if *Boot* lets said *Hendrick de Graaff* go during said term of three years, if he should die or leave for other reasons, he, said *Boot* shall nevertheless be bound to pay said 150 fl. Holland currency or two hhds. of tobacco to said *Hendrick de Graaff* and he is hereby requested, to take good care of *Hendrick*, so that he may not run away or behave badly and for this purpose full power and authority is given to *Nicolaas Boot*, as guardian and master, to insist upon obedience to his orders and to instruct and direct the boy, as a faithful guardian and master is in duty bound to do. For the carrying out of this agreement *Nicolaas Boot* binds his person and property, real and personal, present and future, nothing excepted, placing the same at the disposal of all laws and courts, especially the Orphans Court of this City. In witness whereof he has signed the original of this copy, on file in this Court, at Amsterdam in N. N. the 4th of October, 1660.

Friday, October 8, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant.*

Commission.

Jan Gillisen Koeck is hereby authorized by the Orphanmasters of this City, to speak to the below-named persons for payment of their debts according to annexed accounts within three times 24 hours, under pain of execution. He is also to make note of their default.

Arent Lauwerenzen	.	.	.	fl.
Tielman van Vleeck	.	.	.	fl.
Gerrit Pietersen	.	.	.	fl.

Jan Gillis de Jongh requests payment of 200 fl. from the estate of *N. Velthuysen* and is informed, that he must wait, until the estate is settled, when he will come in concurrence with other creditors.

Simon Janzen Romein and *Gerrit van Tright* are, by the following commission, appointed administrators of the estate of *Jan Barensen* dec'd.

Commission.

As *Jan Barensen* has died at the house of *Aart Willemsen's* widow on the 5th of October a. c., leaving there some property, it is necessary, that administrators of this property should be appointed and therefore the Orphanmasters authorize and qualify as such Master *Gerrit van Tright* and *Symon Jansen*

Romeyn, to make as soon as possible an inventory of the goods and report it to this Board for further disposal. Done etc. October 8, 1660.

Wednesday, November 17, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift, Olof Steven Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister.*

The Orphanmasters received the papers, that is the inventory of and other documents relating to the estate of *Joannes de Hulter* dec'd. and Mrs. *Joanna de Laat,*[25] appearing before the Board, is asked, as she has been in Holland, how it is with the estate. She answers, that pursuant to the testament she has given security in Holland and offers, to give proof thereof at the next meeting, which she is ordered to do.

François de Bruyn informs the Board, that he has sold half an aam[26] of French wine for the funeral of *Jacob Coppe* for 5 beavers and requests payment.

The bill of *Pieter Lauwerensen* amounting to 110 fl., which he is to have out of the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., he is ordered to inform thereof the administrators.

Cornelis Aarzen is asked, what shall be done to collect from his wife's sister the money, due to the estate of *Jacob Coppe* and whether execution shall

[25] Widow of the historian, who owned part of Rensselaerwyck. After the death of her second husband, *Joannes de Hulter,* she married *Jeronimus Ebbinck.*

[26] A cask holding 40 gallons.

be ordered. He asks for delay until the next session, so that he may speak with *Jan van der Bilt.*

The Board resolved to order, that *Gerrit Pietersen* shall pay the 27 fl. 10 st. promptly and not leave the Manhatans, before he has paid. This order having been written, it is given to *Reynout Reynoutsen* and *Gerrit Fullewever*, administrators of the estate of *Cornelis Jansen Cloppenburgh* dec'd., for information and they are reimbursed by accounts and otherwise for the proceeds from the sale of said *Coppenburgh's* property.

Nicolaas Backer is asked, what means he has to pay his debt to the estate of *Anna Cornelis* dec'd. He answers, he does not know, he owes 38 beavers and has given a note for it, now in the hands of *Claas Bordingh* and *Pieter Jacobsen Marius.* He is told, to come again to the next session, to see, how it is with the note or whether *Joannes van Brugh*, who has power of attorney from *Lauwerens Jansen*, will accept it.

Master *Gerrit van Tright* and *Simon Jansen Romein* state to Board, that a black cloak, belonging to *Jan Barensen* dec'd., has been found, which must be added to the inventory, and that the boy, whom *Jan Barensen* brought into the country and who is related to him, ought to have some of the tools and should be clothed out of the estate. This is conceded by the Orphanmasters on condition, that what is done for the boy be noted. It is further ordered to give power of attorney to Master

Abraham[27] for collection of what is due to the estate up the river and the administrators are directed first to clothe the boy, then to sell the property, taking note of how much it brings and how far it will go and to report.

Jan Ariaanzen informs the Board, that he has bought a house from *Jan de Pre*, who cannot give conveyance of it, as it is mortgaged to the Orphans Chamber. He is told, the mortgage must be paid, but he may keep the money and give himself a mortgage on the house to the Orphanmasters, so that the child of *Jan de Pre* may not lose anything of the maternal inheritance.

Commission for the Administrators of the Estate of *Jan Jansen Hagenaar.*

As *Jan Jansen Hagenaar* was unfortunately drowned in the East River on the 22^{d} of November a. c. and Orphanmasters consider it necessary, to appoint administrators of his estate, therefore they hereby authorize and qualify Sieur *Isaack Greveraat* and *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* as such administrators and order them, to make as soon as possible an inventory of said estate of *Jan Jansen* and report it to this Board for further disposal. Done etc. November 23, 1660.

Friday, November 26, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevensen Cortlant.*

[27] Probably Surgeon *Abraham Staats* of Fort Orange.

Annetje Dircks, widow of *Pieter Kock*, is informed by the Board, that, as it has pleased the Lord to take away her husband, it is necessary that she make a statement of her late husband's estate to the Board and that two guardians be appointed for the child. Answering, she promises to do so and requests as guardians *Daniel Litsco* and Master *Jacob Hendricksen Varrevanger*.

Commission.

Whereas *Pieter Kock* has lately died, leaving besides the widow a minor child, as whose guardians and administrators of whose inheritance the Orphanmasters have at the request of the widow appointed *Daniel Litsco* and Master *Jacob Hendricksen Varrevanger*, therefore, considering, that a proper inventory of the estate of the deceased ought to be made, so that neither the child nor the widow may be prejudiced in their rights and inheritance, the Orphanmasters herewith authorize and direct said guardians, to make as soon as possible an inventory of the furniture and values, as well as of other real and personal property, debts and credits in this country, of the deceased, and to agree with the widow about a settlement upon the child of its paternal inheritance, as they shall think best, reporting the same to this Board. Done etc.

Jeronimus Ebbinck produces before the Board the testament, made by his wife *Joanna de Laat* and her former husband, *Joannes de Hulter* dec'd. After

the same with the settlement upon and the payment to the children, left by said *de Hulter*, had been examined by the Orphanmasters, they order to make a record thereof.

Claas Bordingh and *Pieter Jacobzen Marius* appearing, the statement of the estate, left by *Anna Cornelis* dec'd, is examined. As it was found, that this estate has to claim 98 fl. in beavers from the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, it is ordered, that *Tielman van Vleck* and *Pieter Rudolfus*, the administrators of *Velthuysen's*, insolvent estate, should be notified and as they were outside, they were called in and informed of the claim.

Joannes van Brugge, coming in with *Nicolaas Backer*, is informed, that *Nicolaas* still owes to the estate of *Anna Cornelis*, dec'd, 56 beavers and as he has power of attorney from *Louwerens Jansen*, *Anna Cornelis'* husband, he is asked, whether he will take the note in deduction of the debt and credit it on the account. He says, he cannot do it, as the note has been paid. As *Joannes van Brugge* will not agree to credit the note on the account against *Backer*, the Orphanmasters order, that *Backer* shall pay the interest on the note from this date until payment of the whole.

Order.

Jeremias Janzen is hereby ordered by the Orphanmasters, to make an inventory of the property, left by his father, *Jan Jansen Hagenaar* and to hand it

to *Joannes Nevius*, Secretary of the Orphans Chamber, within three times 24 hours. Done etc.

Copy.

In the Name of the Lord, Amen. Know ye, all and everybody, whom it concerns, by the contents of this instrument, that to-day, the 26th of February, a° 1652, at about 6 o. c. in the evening, before me, *Willem van Vredenburgh*, admitted Notary Public by the Provincial Court of Holland upon the nomination by their Honours of the Court of the City of Leyden, and residing in said city, and before the witnesses, named below, personally appeared the Honble *Johan de Hulter* and the worthy Mrs. *Joanna de Laat*, husband and wife, living in this city on the Rapenburgh, opposite to the Prince's quarters, to me, the Notary, well known, being sound in body and mind, in possession of their reason and memory, who declared, that considering the frailty and shortness of human life on this earth, perishable like a shadow and always liable to pay the debts of nature by death, of which nothing is more uncertain than the day and hour, they had resolved to anticipate this uncertainty by testamentary dispositions and not leave this world without having disposed of the worldly goods, given them by God's grace. They do this, as they openly declared, inasmuch as by God's blessing they have the power to do it by their own, free will, without being instigated or misled by anybody, first commending their immortal souls to the gracious and merciful

hands of God Almighty, their Creator and Saviour, and their dead bodies to an honest burial, revoking and annulling hereby specially the marriage contract, made between them before the wedding and further all testaments, codicils and similar instruments, which they may have made and executed heretofore, not desiring that the contents of these instruments or of any of them may be observed or carried out in any respect or manner and making now new dispositions, the said testators declare, that the first dying appoints and constitutes the survivor, known only to God Almighty, sole and general heir or heiress of all property, nothing excepted, which they hold together and which the first dying leaves; the survivor to enter upon, use, hold and do with such property, as he or she might do with own, free possessions, under the condition and direction, that the survivor shall be bound and held, honestly to bring up the child or children, procreated among them and left behind by the first dying, to provide it or them with meat, drink, and clothing, as the condition of the estate demands, to give a good and God fearing education, instruction for a life of study, for commercial life or any other honest profession, suitable to the child's or children's capacity, to take care of them in sickness and health, as a good father or mother is bound to do, during their minority and until said children have come to the full age of 25 years or have entered into matrimony or any other approved condition, when and not before the sur-

vivor shall be held, first to fit out the child or children according to the condition of the estate of the first dying and add thereto as much, as shall be stated in an instrument, signed by both testators, which said instrument they will and wish, to have the same force and effect, as if it was included in this testament word for word, provided however, that, if before the child or children have come of age or married the survivor should marry again, such survivor must pay to the guardians for the benefit of the children the added sum before the day of the second wedding, whereby he or she shall be and remain discharged from further supporting and outfitting, as above stated, to which is to be added what according to strict law will be coming to the child or children as legitimate share of the estate of the first dying, of which and of no more they name and constitute the child or children their heirs ; but in case said child or children or somebody on their behalf is not satisfied with this disposition and did or dared to do anything against it, then this opponent shall be deprived of what by virtue of this testament is bequeathed to him or her and he or she shall only have the legitimate share, allowed by law. Further, if the first dying does not make new dispositions, constituting as heirs the said child or children alone, the obedient child or if all are disobedient the survivor shall have the remainder. Testators wish and direct, that if any of the children die under the age of 25 years or before marriage the sum, added to his or her share,

shall go to the others and so successively to the last and when the last child dies under 25 years or not married, then all inherited by him or her under this testament shall go to the survivor of the testators. The testators further appoint as guardian of the minor children, whom they may leave the survivor with such powers, as an executor has by law and in equity, desiring that he or she, the said guardian shall alone or with some of the nearest relatives of the deceased to be named by the survivor, enter upon the office and in case of remarriage a guardian or guardians shall be chosen, who are to act, as if they were hereby appointed, provided that during the life of the survivor he or she shall also act as guardian and after his or her death there shall be such guardians as the survivor shall have named, without anybody having to trouble himself about it, not even any Magistrate, Orphanmaster or other person in authority, they all being hereby excluded from dealing with the estate. The testators declare this to be their testament and last will, specially directing and wishing, that it shall have full force as testament, codicil, *fidei commissio*, donation in case of death or any other similar instrument, and that it shall be considered as such, even though some solemnity of law may have been omitted and not observed. They request, that knowledge hereof may be taken and execute it as a public document. Thus done at the house of testators in Leyden in the presence of *Cornelis van Dorp* and *Jacob van*

Rinegem (?), called in as witnesses. Below stood: Which I sign by my usual signature, having sealed it with my notarial seal, guaranteeing the credibility of the witnesses and the truth of what is herein stated. Signed:

W. van Vredenburgh, Not. Pub.

Copy. On the 9th of February, 1660, before me, *Justus van de Ven*, Notary Public, admitted by the Court of Holland and the Magistrates of the City of Amsterdam and residing in said city, and before the witnesses, named below, appeared Mrs. *Joanna de Laat*, widow of *Jan de Hulter* dec'd., and with her four children, severally named *Joannes*, *Joanna*, *Samuel* and *Paulus de Hulter*, she being now the wife of *Jeronimus Ebbinck*, her legal guardian and husband, by whom legally assisted and authorized she declares, that she upholds and approves the testament, made by her deceased husband before Notary *van Vredenburgh* at Leyden on the 26th of February 1652 and that fully understanding her estate and the condition, that she must settle upon the aforesaid four children their paternal inheritance, so that they shall have no interest in her property, she settles upon them 12000 Carolus guilders, engaging for the payment of 10000 Carolus guilders the house and lot on the Rapenburgh at Leyden opposite to the Prince's quarters, bounded on one side by *Floris van Dam*, Secretary, and on the other by *Jan Gell*, stretching from the Rapenburgh back to the Honey

Hare (*hony haas*), also a house and lot on the Green Hare Graft, bounded on one side by *Joan de Hulter*, on the other by *Isaac Samane*, both unencumbered, and depositing the balance of 2000 fl. in cash. This settlement she, assisted by her husband, makes to Sieur *Mighiel de Hulter*, uncle of her children and guardian, appointed by her first husband in the said testament and by her confirmed in an instrument, executed by her before me, the Notary, and witnesses on the 2d inst., wherein she authorizes her present husband to appear before Magistrates and Courts or when required here, at Leyden; there to renew this settlement and mortgage the said two houses to the aforesaid guardian for the children,ceding them so, that neither she nor her husband shall retain any title to them; to do everything else in this matter and observe all formalities, required by local usages, as fully, as she, if present, could do it, but so, that her own property is held separate from that of the children. Her husband agreeing hereto, the guardian accepts all in good faith and consents, that I, the Notary, may give to the parties copy hereof. Thus done in the presence of *Jeremias Price* and *Elias de Molenaar* (miller) at Amsterdam and signed: *Johanna de Laat, Jeronimus Ebbinck, Mighiel de Hulter, J. Price, E. de Molenaar, Justus van de Venn*, Notary Public. Beneath stood: *Concordat cum meo Rec. quod Attestor.*

Signed: J. VAN DE VEN, Not. Publ.

Copy.

On the 2d of March, 1660, before me, *Justus van de Ven*, by the Court of Holland and the Magistrates of the City of Amsterdam admitted as Notary Public and residing in said city, and before the witnesses, named below, appeared Sieur *Mighiel de Hulter*, brother of *Jan de Hulter* dec'd., and guardian of his children, party of the first part, and Sieur *Jeronimus Ebbinck* and *Joanna de Laat*, husband and wife, parties of the second part, who declared that they approved and confirmed the settlement upon the children of their paternal inheritance, made by *Joanna de Laat* on the 9th inst. (*sic*) before me, the Notary, and witnesses, and what is added to it, which has all been put into the hands of said uncle and guardian, to wit two houses and lots in Leyden for 10000 fl., as especially stated in said instrument, and 2000 fl., in cash, for which said uncle and guardian herewith gives acquittance to said mother and stepfather, while the mother, assisted and authorized by her husband, promises to guard the said settled 12000 fl. against all claims, suits and pretensions. The parties have also agreed, that of the four children the uncle and guardian Sieur *Mighiel de Hulter* shall keep here and bring up two, namely *Joannes* and *Samuel de Hulter*, and the other two, *Joanna* and *Paulus de Hulter* shall be taken by their mother and stepfather to New Netherland, where they intend to return, or they shall be placed here in such charge, as may seem advisable, and be provided with all

necessaries of life; further the yearly profits and income from the said capital shall be credited to each share and finally parties acknowledge, to have liquidated and balanced all accounts open until date, as well in their aforesaid relations as private, and to have given each other, what belongs to the other side, especially that Sieur *de Hulter* has given to Sieur *Ebbinck* and wife all the silverware, the accounts and the proceeds of the sales, as well as the papers and notes, in fact everything left by *Joanna de Laat* and her deceased husband, *Jan de Hulter*, in the hands of said *Mighiel de Hulter* and his brother *Paulus de Hulter*, while the other parties acknowledge to have received from him not only the proceeds, but also all the other property, gold and silverware, jewels, papers and notes and everything else, so that nothing more can be claimed, with which they approve and ratify his management and administration. Therefore parties hereby acquit each other fully without reservation or intention to make any future claim directly or indirectly, under any pretext whatever, binding for the fulfilment hereof their persons and property, present and future, subjecting all or what may be selected from them to all laws and courts, specially the Court of Holland and advisedly renouncing all reduction, relief, appeal or other favours and benefits of law, of which the one or the other might take advantage in convention; finally consenting, that I, the Notary, may give copy of the foregoing. Thus done in the presence of Sieur

Lauwerens de Colenaar and *Jan Babtista Lieffrinck*, as witnesses, at Amsterdam. Beneath stood: *Concordat.* Signed: *J. van der Ven*, Not. Publ.

Friday, December 10, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift*, *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Joannes de Peister.*

Rem the smith appearing he is informed, that according to the writings of the estate of *Jacob Coppe* dec'd., he owes to said estate 11 beavers. He says, he has paid them and has a claim against *Coppe*, to whose wife he has spoken about it, telling her also he had paid. He is ordered to prove it and requests time until spring, which is granted, provided he furnishes a good account. *Rem Jansen* states, that the grindstones of *Jacob Coppe* were at *Meyndert* the smith's at Fort Orange, when he was still there, but he knows no more about the brandy.

Lambert Huyberzen Mol requests the Board to be discharged from the guardianship of the children and the administration of the estate of *Andrees Hoppe* dec'd.; whereupon he is told, that as the widow has made a settlement, he has nothing to do with her on account of the children's support. He says further, he has learned, that a judgment was to be executed against *Geertje Hendricks* and asks, whether this will be done. He is told, that if he has to ask, that the execution may not proceed, he must do so in writing.

Order.

Jeremias Janzen is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters of this City not to leave here, before he has delivered to this Board an inventory of the property, left by his deceased father, real and personal, goods, furniture and values. Done as above.

Commission.

Whereas *Jannetje Tomàs*, widow of *Cleyn Claasie*, commonly called so, has lately died, leaving besides some property five minor children, so that it has become necessary, to appoint administrators of the estate, therefore the Orphanmasters herewith qualify as such administrators *Tomas Hall* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, who are ordered to make an inventory of the estate, real and personal property, values and debts due by others, to settle all and make a report to this Board for future disposal. Done at Amsterdam Decbr. 10, 1660.

Saturday, December 11, 1660, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* and *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant*.

Tielman van Vleeck and *Pieter Rudolfus*, administrators of the insolvent estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, are asked about the condition of said estate, whereupon Sieur *van Vleeck* produces some accounts pertaining to it with reference as to the creditors, with whom the debts were contracted

before and after the death of *Velthuysen's* wife. The administrators were directed to proceed with the work and to collect the outstanding debts as well as the money for the goods sold.

Monday, January 4, 1661, at the City Hall present the same as before and *Joannes de Peister*.

Mattheus de Vos is asked by the Board, how it stands with the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* and whether the money for the goods sold is coming in. He answers, that Mr. *van Ruyven* has received a considerable sum and that several others have been paid with orders, also that he is responsible for the money.

Order.

Tielman van Vleeck and *Pieter Rudolfus*, administrators of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, not having appeared after two summons, are herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to produce before the Board within three times 24 hours a statement and inventory of said estate, on pain of punishment. Done etc.

Commission.

Whereas *Jeene Hom*, widow of *Joris Hom*, has died, leaving besides some property four children, for whom the Orphanmasters consider it necessary to appoint guardians and administrators, to settle the estate of said widow, so that the children may

obtain the inheritance from their parents, therefore they herewith elect and qualify *Jan Lauwerens* and *Joris Wolsy*, who are directed to make as soon as possible an inventory of said estate and report it to this Board for such further disposal, as occasion may require. Done etc February 11, 1661.

Saturday, April 2, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant*, *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck*.

Before the Board appeared *Jan Jemptingh*, 25 years old, son of *Jene Hom*, by her first husband, and *Priscille Hom*, daughter of *Jene Hom*, who request, that their parents' estate be distributed to them and the minor children. They are asked, how many brothers and sisters they have, and answer two, of whom one, 14 years old and called *Willem* has gone to Virginia, the other, 8 years old, is with them. Referring to the partition they request, that the house, plantation and other property here be sold. This request was communicated to *Joris Wolsy*, administrator of said estate, and it was recommended to him to do his best for it in this matter. *Jan Jemptingh* says, the cattle belong to him, as old *Jan* had given him 70 fl., for which his mother had bought a cow, of which the cattle are the increase. He is ordered, to prove it. *Priscilla Hom* says, she will take her two brothers to her. *Joris Wolsy* proposes, that he thinks it best, to sell the house and lot of *Joris Hom* here in the City in

two parcels. The Orphanmasters decide to give to the administrators of said estate authority to sell the house and lot as well as the plantation and other property.

Tryntje van Campen appearing, a contract is made with her to lodge and board the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* and provide her with all she needs, for which she is to have 36 fl. every month from March 22 last. *Tryntje Ruyters* is informed, that the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* is to live with *Tryntje van Campen* and says, that she is satisfied with it, but complains, that she has broken a looking glass, worth 5 to 6 fl., also a fine comb, and torn a cover, for which she demands payment, which is promised her. She says further, that according to notice of the estate she must have something besides boarding and lodging said widow, whereupon she was told, she should be satisfied for it. As some property of said widow is at her house, *Jan Jelissen Koeck* is ordered to fetch it with *Tryntje van Campen*, taking the widow along.

Thursday, April 14, 1661, present at the City Hall as before.

Before the Board appeared *Daniel Litsco* and Master[28] *Jacob Hendricksen Varrevanger*, administrators of the estate and guardians of the children of *Pieter Kock*, who were asked, whether they had agreed with the widow of *Pieter Kock* concerning

[28] The title of Master was given to Surgeons.

the settlement on the child of the father's estate. They answer Yes and that Mr. *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* has the agreement, they also show the inventory of the goods of said *Kock.*

After the inventory of the property, left by his deceased father, had been shown him, *Jeremias Janzen Hagenaar* is asked, whether that is all the property left. He says Yes, except the carpenter's tools. Further asked, how old he and his brothers and sisters are, he answers that he is 22 years old, his brother *Jacob* 19, his sister *Sofia* 17 and his brother *Arien* 14; that his other sister *Cristina* is married and that his brother *Arien* is to remain with him to learn the trade. He further states, that there are some debts and credits not mentioned in the inventory, because he did not know the correct amount; also that he has received from *Jacob Stoffelsen* in deduction of his debt 10 schepels of grain, which he has paid to the baker. Said *Jeremias* going out of the room, the Orphanmasters decide to tell him, that he and his brother-in-law must buy out the shares in the paternal estate of their minor brothers and sisters and for it give a mortgage on their house.

The Hon^ble^ *Paulus Leenderzen van der Grift* coming in, the resolution of the Orphanmasters concerning the estate of *Pieter Kock* is communicated to him and he is asked for his advice, whereupon he said, he approved it and showed the agreement from the settlement upon the child of *Pieter Kock* of his

estate, which having been read and examined by the Orphanmasters they approve it as well done.

Jeremias Janzen returning is informed, that he and his brother-in-law *Frerich* have been appointed guardians of the minor brothers and sisters, also of the resolution of the Board concerning the buying of their share. He is asked, where his brother-in-law is and saying Here, he is ordered to fetch him. Both coming in are ordered, to make a statement and inventory, have everything written up by Secretary *Nevius* and then show it; also to agree with their brothers and sisters about buying them out and then execute a mortgage.

Jan Rutgersen asks the Board, how it stands with the estate of *Barent Oesterman*, so that he may have what is due him. Whereas a calculation has been made, it is ordered, that his money shall be paid to him accordingly, although the money is attached; but no suit having been entered, the attachment is considered as of no force.

Symon Janzen Romein and *Gerrit van Tright*, administrators of the estate of *Jan Barensen*, show a statement thereof and are told, to continue in their work.

Thursday, April 21, 1661, at the City Hall present same as before.

Tielman van Vleeck, with *Pieter Rudolfus* administrator of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, coming in, is asked, how it stands with the estate and whether

the statement is ready. He says, he cannot do it, as the money for the goods sold has not yet been received and there are great differences between *Mattheus de Vos* and *Claas van Elslant* about the coming in of the money. The Orphanmasters thereupon direct, that the following order be handed to *Mattheus de Vos*, the Bailiff:

Order.

Bailiff *Mattheus de Vos* is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to see to it, that the money for the goods, sold out of the estate, be collected as quickly as possible, that the said estate may at last be settled, Done etc.

Tielman van Vleeck states, that *Jan Peeck* is in debt to the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* and that one *Jan Perie* owes him or his wife a considerable sum; he requests therefore permission to attach it. He is asked, how it stands with the bookdebts and whether any of them are being paid. He answers, he could not reach *Jan Jelissen Koeck; Jan Jelissen* says, he has not been around with the list; *Van Vleeck* adds, *Abraham Verplanck* also owes something and that he shall receive part payment of it.

Jeremias Janzen is asked, whether he has made a complete inventory of his father's estate, and answers, he has not been able, to do it as yet, whereupon he is ordered to have it ready by next Thursday.

Tryntje van Campen tells the Board, that the month, during which the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen*

van Hasselt has lived with her, is over and she therefore requests payment, adding, that the widow requires some linnen; she asks for more, than had been agreed on, because she cannot keep her for that money. She is told, that the matter will be considered and care taken, that she may receive the money and *Grietje*, the widow, some linnen.

Age Bruynsen comes with his brother-in-law *Dirck Jansen* and (stating), that he intends to marry again, he is ordered to make a statement and inventory of his property in the presence of said *Dirck Jansen* and *Cornelis Jansen*, the guardians of his child, and to have it written by Secretary *Nevius*.

Commission.

Whereas *Age Bruynsen*, widower of *Annetje Jans*, intends to again enter the state of matrimony with *Eghbertje Dircks*, spinster, and whereas said *Annetje Jans* has left beside a child, called *Bruyn*, some property, therefore, considering it necessary, that guardians for the child be appointed, the Orphan-masters herewith thereto qualify *Dirck Jansen*, brother of *Annetje Jans* dec'd., and *Cornelis Jansen Clopper*, who are ordered to make as soon as possible an inventory of all the property, real and personal, valuable papers, debts and credits, made by the deceased in this country and left at her death, reporting the same to this Board for further disposal. Done etc.

Monday, May 23, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

Jan Gillissen Koeck delivers to the Board the sum of (? a bill for) 459 fl. 10 st. according to following account

Paid to *Tryntje van Campen* by order of Mr. *Marten Cregier*	fl.	30.
" to the same by order of Mr. *Olof Stevensen van Cortlandt*	"	10.
By account of *Isaack Kip*	"	14. 4
" " of *Hendrick Willemsen*, the baker,	"	3.18
" wampum on hand	"	401. 8
	fl.	459.10

Order to *Mattheus de Vos* and *Tielman van Vleeck.*

You are herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters of this City to appear before them with the papers, concerning the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, on Saturday, the 28th of May of this year 1660 (sic !) at 9 a. m.

Before us, the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., appeared *Joost Goderis*, Burgher and inhabitant here, who acknowledged, that on behalf of the estate, left by *Cornelis Hendricksen van Dort* dec'd. he is justly indebted to the Orphans Chamber here for the six children (of said *Cornelis*) by *Madaleen Dircks* in the sum of 500 fl. for the purchase

of a house and lot, which sum he promises to pay to this Board on demand with 10 p. c. annual interest, paying the interest in good strung and current wampum yearly from September 1, 1660, when it shall begin until the aforesaid capital has been refunded. He also binds by special mortgage his house and lot North of the Slyck Stegh (South William Str.), bounded West by the lot of *Abraham* the carpenter, North by the lot of *Jan Rutgersen Moreaen*, East by the houses and lots of *Evert Duyckingh* and South by said alley, and in general, all movable and immovable property, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts, specially this Orphan Court. In witness he has signed this record with the Orphanmasters *Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt* and *Cornelis Steenwyck* this 23d of May, 1661, at Amsterdam in N. N.

Oloff Stevensen Joost Goderis
Cornelis Steenwyck. To my knowledge
Joannes Nevius, Secretary.

Monday, June 13, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Marten Cregier*.

Jeremias Jansen Hagenaar is asked by the Board, whether he has already made a statement and inventory of the estate of his deceased father. He says, he has not, because he cannot get a settlement of accounts with *Salomon la Chair* and asks, that guardians for his minor brothers and sisters be appointed. *Arien van Laar* produces before the

Board a transfer from *Frerick Hermsen* of his wife's share in the estate of *Jan Jansen Hagenaar* and requests payment thereof. He is promised, the matter shall be attended to. When *Jeremias Jansen* returned, he is informed, that Sieur *Isaack Greveraat* and *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe*, appointed guardians and administrators of his father's estate on the 23^{d} of November, 1660, shall be ordered to settle the said estate with him.

Hendrick Lambersen Mol hands in an account against the estate of *Jan Hutsitson* dec'd. for nursing and wages, amounting to 48 fl. in wampum and besides 6 beavers.

Salomon la Chair appearing, he is told, that Sieur *Isaack Greveraat*, *Hendrick Tamboer* (the drummer) and *Jeremias Jansen* would with him settle his account against the estate of *J. Jansen Hagenaar.*

Sieur *Isaack Grevenraat* and *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* are pursuant to their commission of November 23, 1660, herewith authorized and qualified by the Orphanmasters of this City, to settle the estate of *Jan Jansen Hagenaar* dec'd., making as soon as possible an inventory thereof and liquidating the accounts between said *Jan Jansen* and *Salomon la Chair* with those of said *la Chair* with *Jeremias Jansen Hagenaar.* After settling these accounts they are to report to this Board for further orders. Done etc.

Reintje Pieters van Bolsaert is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to pay to them in three times

24 hours his arrears according to bond, under pain of execution. Done etc.

Thursday, June 16, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant*, *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck*.

Skipper *Jan Jansen Bestevaar* appearing, he makes a contract with the Orphanmasters for the passage of *Grietje Adams*, widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt*, for which 70 fl. in wampum are paid to him.

Reintje Pietersen van Bolswaart is told, that the time, in which he was to pay to the Orphans Chamber his arrears, has lapsed. In answer he promises to pay on his return from Fort Orange. The Orphanmasters grant him so much time. Whereas *Reintje Pieters* has received a judgment against *Pieter Bronck* for 124 beavers on two notes, which he has left as security with this Board, therefore the same are returned to him to-day, as he is going up the river.

Tryntje van Campen coming in says, that *Grietje Adams* is sick a-bed, having learned, that she is go to Holland.

Jeremias Jansen is asked, whether he has made an inventory of his deceased father's estate He answers, that he has called on Sieur *Isaack Greverat* and *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe*, the administrators, but they did not come. He is thereupon ordered, to speak again to them and to see to the settlement of the estate by Saturday, when the Board will sit again. He promises to do so.

Order.

Whereas *Herpert Classen van Elslant* and *Jurrien Jansen van Auweryck* are indebted to the estate of *Jan Barensen* dec'd., to wit *Herpert Classen* for 16 fl. 4 st. and *Jurrien Jansen* for 18 fl. 14 st., which monies cannot be had from them, therefore the Bailiff and Schout *Pieter Tonneman* are ordered by the Orphanmasters of this City to levy on these persons by execution.

Thursday, June 30, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevensen Cortlant* and *Marten Cregier.*

Before the Board appeared *Pelgrum Clock*, Notary Public, who said, he had power of attorney from *Arien van Laar*, from whom he had received a transfer, made by *Frerick Hendricksen*,[29] the husband of *Jan Jansen Hagenaar's* daughter, of his share of the goods, inherited by his wife from her father's estate ; which transfer to *van Laar* had been made for a claim against him, *Frerick.* He requests to have it recorded and that payment of the money may be decreed.

Tielman van Vleeck, administrator of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, presents a petition, made by him to the Burgomasters and Schepens, concerning a claim of *Bartholdus Maan* against said estate, and the reply thereto. He shows a list of the principal creditors of said estate, from which the Orphanmasters are pleased to select as administrator with

[29] Above called Hermsen.

van Vleeck, in place of the deceased *Pieter Rudolfus*, *Claas Gangelofsen Visser*, to whom the following order is sent.

Commission.

Whereas *Pieter Rudolfus*, late administrator with *Tielman van Vleeck* of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, has died and it is necessary, to fill the vacancy, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City thereto authorize and qualify, as they hereby do, *Nicolaas Gangelofsen Visser*, who is required and directed with *Tielman van Vleeck* to settle said estate as quickly as possible, to collect the money for the goods sold and all other debts and to distribute it with the knowledge of the Orphanmasters as shall be proper. Done etc.

Saturday, July 2, 1661, at the City Hall present *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.*

David Wesselsen appears to say, he would like to have his pay from the estate of *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoeck.* He is told, care will be taken, that he receive his money.

Isaack Kip is asked, how it stands with the estate of *Jacob Coppe;* he answers as before.

Thursday, July 7, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlandt*, *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

The Board resolved to send an order to the

administrators of the relinquished estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, directing them to bring next Monday the ready cash in hand to this Court with a list of accounts, so that each of the creditors may be paid pro rata.

Order.

Tielman van Vleeck and *Nicolaas Gangelofsen Visser*, administrators of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, are herewith ordered by the Orphan-masters to bring to this Court next Monday, July 11, the ready cash in hand of said estate and a list of accounts, to pay each of the creditors pro rata. Done etc.

Jacobus Vis appearing, is asked about the estate of *Jacob Coppe* and where the papers are. He answers, *Isaack Kip* has the papers, and requests to be discharged from the administration.

Salomon la Chair hands in an order on the request of *Jan Gillis de Jongh* with an account, concerning the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen.* He is told, the case will be taken in hand next week.

Jan Gillissen Koeck brings and delivers to the Board the following, received from Burgomaster *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift*, to-wit:

A pair of rusted knives with silver handles.

A silver chain with silver hook.

A silver girdle (*gordel*) with silver key hook (*rym*) and another silver hook.

A velvet purse with silver chain and ten small pearls in the purse.

A silver clasp of a case for a pair of knives.

Four gold rings and a broken ditto,

which all belong to the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt.*

Commission.

Whereas *Dirck Smitt*, late Ensign in the service of the Priviledged West India Company, has died leaving besides the widow a minor child, as guardians for whom and administrators of the estate the Orphanmasters of this City have at the request of the widow appointed Sieur *Jacob Strycker*, Old Schepen of this City, and Sieur *Isaack Greveraat*, therefore, considering the necessity of having an inventory of the estate of the deceased made, so that neither the child nor the widow may be harmed in their rights and inheritance, the Orphanmasters hereby direct said guardians to make as soon as possible an inventory as well of the furniture and valuable papers as of all personal and real property, debts and credits, here in this country, and to agree with the widow about the child's share in the father's estate, as equity demands. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. July 13, 1661.

By Order of the Presiding Orphanmaster
JOAN: NEVIUS, Secretary.

Saturday, July 16, 1661, the Orphanmasters met at the house of *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.*

Before the Board appeared *Annetje Dircks*, widow of *Dirck Smitt*, late Ensign in the service of the

Priv. W. I. Company, who declared, that she gives to the Orphans Chamber as security for her child's paternal inheritance her two houses and lots in this City according to deeds and further all her household goods and property here, which she will take back, in case the child dies.

Friday, July 22, 1661, the Orphanmasters, except *Marten Cregier*, met at the house of Old Burgomaster *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant.*

As soon as they met the Orphanmasters have resolved, whereas *Annetje Dircks*, widow of *Dirck Smitt*, late Ensign of the Director General here, intends to sail for Holland, not having given sufficient proof, that her orphaned child will not suffer for want of means, therefore they find it advisable, that as soon as she arrives in Holland she shall address herself to Sieurs *Seth Verbrugge* and *Jelis van Hoorenbeeck*, both merchants at Amsterdam, without whose knowledge she must not demand and receive any money and to whom she must prove, that the letter of exchange for the house, bought here, has been paid: in this manner the Orphans Chamber here will be fully satisfied and we shall be relieved from all other troubles.

Messieurs *Seth van Brugge* and *Jelis van Hooren Beeck.*

Messieurs Greeting!

In the ship *Trouw* (Faith) goes over *Annetje Dircks*, widow of the deceased *Dirck Smitt*, who has

to her credit with the W. I. Company about 2340 Carolus guilders,[30] which sum she might easily receive and without our caution diminish to the prejudice of her child. We have therefore by our resolution directed her, to call on you, so that she may not receive any money from the Company, unless you secure or take in deposit one half of it for the benefit of her child. To secure other values in Holland, Guelderland or elsewhere she has left enough property here. This, gentlemen, is only, because the widow has bought here a house, paying for it by a draft, which, it is feared, will not be paid, and coming back here protested, she would be in debt, requiring the sale of her house and other property to the disadvantage of the child. We request you therefore to keep one half of the 2340 fl. from the Company, until the widow has proved to you, that said draft has fully been paid, which will leave the property here unencumbered; then she may have the whole from the Company and do with it, what she pleases. Herewith closing, we remain your obliged friends

The Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N.

Amsterdam in N. N. July 22, 1661.

Thursday, August 25, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen Cortlant* and *Marten Cregier.*

[30] Perhaps the Unite or Carolus of Charles I. of England, worth 20 shillings.

Jan Schryver requests the Board, to be discharged from the administration of the estate of *Barent Oesterman* and shows a note and account, due by *Jacob Wolfersen* (*van Couwenhoven*) to *Barent Oesterman.*

The Orphanmasters direct, that the following order be given to *Jan Schryver*: Whereas *Jan Schryver*, with *Nicolaas Velthuysen* administrator of the estate of *Barent Oesterman* has to-day, August 25, delivered to this Board the papers, concerning said estate, therefore the Orphanmasters herewith thank him for his labor. Done etc.

Allard Coninck and the wife of *Sybrant Janzen Galma* appearing, are asked, whether they know, what money *Grietje Adams*, the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt*, has in Holland. *Sybrant Janzen's* wife says, she knows, that she has loaned out some money in Holland, received by her mother from a lottery; it is out at interest, but she does not know, how much. *Allard Coninck* says, he has had power of attorney from *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt*, to collect the money, but he could not do it, as bail was required; it is in the same writing, as what he has, made in the presence of *Merritje Hendricks*, widow of *Arien Jacobsen*, the mother of *Sybrant Janzen's* wife, and says, that there are 4, 5 or 5½ hundred florins. Said *Allard* returning suggests it as the best thing to place the case into the hands of the Orphans Chamber at Amsterdam.

Order.

Sieur *Govert Loockermans* is herewith directed by the Orphanmasters of this City to appear before this Board next Saturday, August 27, at 9 o. c. a. m. and report, what objections he has against the account, delivered to him on behalf of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt.*

Tuesday, September 6, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant, Martin Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

Sieur *Govert Loockermans* comes and upon comparing the bill of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* with his own, he shows by an extract from the book of *Joannes van Brugh*, that some items, claimed by *Hendrick Pietersen*, have been paid.

Order.

Tielman van Vleeck is herewith directed by the Orphanmasters to appear before this Board next Thursday at 9 o. c. a. m., bringing with him all papers concerning the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen.*

Leentje Dirckx Servaas, widow of *Aris Otte*, is informed, that pursuant to the order of the Orphans Chamber, she is bound, before marrying again, to give in an inventory and statement, to prevent any troubles with her first husband's friends.

Order.

Whereas *Leentje Dirckx Servaas*, widow of *Aris Otte*, intends to remarry and said *Aris Otte* has left

some property, therefore the Orphanmasters consider it necessary, that said *Leentje Dirckx* shall deliver to this Board a statement and inventory of all the goods, values, real and personal property, debts and credits, left by *Aris Otte* and they order her, to make such inventory before her second marriage in the presence of *Jan Joghimsen*, mate of the galliot, and *Jurrien Blanck*, Burgher and inhabitant here, delivering the same to this Board. Done etc.

Friday, September 9, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Sieur *Govert Loockermans* and *Abraham Pietersen* appearing, *Abraham* is asked, whereas this Board has received a bill of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* against *Govert Loockermans*, written by him, from what papers he has taken it. He answers in *Loockermans'* presence, from no papers, but from *Hendrick Pietersen's* dictation.

Thursday, September 15, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Order.

Sieur *Tielman van Vleeck* and *Nicolaas Gangelofsen Visser*, administrators of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, are herewith authorized and qualified by the Orphanmasters, after receipt of the money for the property of said estate sold, to pay pro rata to each of the estate's creditors, as circumstances and the cash in hand will allow.

Abraham Verplanck asks for the interest on the money of *Madaleen Dircks*, widow of *Cornelis Hendricksen van Dort*, for her child or relief from the bailbond. He is told, it cannot be done, and it is promised, to send him a writing.

Sieur *Paulus Schrick* requests payment of his claim against the estate of *Pieter Jansen Winckelhoeck*, amounting to fl. 34.4 and *David Wesselsen* asks for payment from same estate of fl. 42.5. It is promised to issue an order for their payment.

Friday, October 1, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevensen van Cortlant*, and *Marten Cregier*.

The Board orders to have an account of the estate of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* made.

Wednesday, November 3, 1661, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Olof Stevenzen van Cortlant*, *Martin Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck*.

Before the Board appeared *Teunis Cray*, who produces a bill against the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* for board and attendance given to her, amounting to 280 fl., during the time, said widow has lived with him, to-wit seven months at 36 fl., which making 252 fl. is all paid to him.

Thursday, December 8, 1661, at the City Hall (as before).

Before the Board appeared *Mary de Truy* and

with her *Isaack de Foreest*, Old Schepen of this City, and *Govert Loockermans*, also Old Schepen, guardians of her minor children. Said *Mary de Truy* requests permission, to draw and receive the interest on 500 fl., settled on her children and secured on the house of *Andries Joghimsen.* As the guardians have no authority to allow that, she asks that such authority may be given them. The Orphanmasters grant the request and authorize the guardians to allow *Mary de Truy* to draw the interest of 500 fl. on the house of *Andries Joghimsen.*

Tryntje van Campen says, that there are due to her from the widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* besides other sums 27 fl. After calculating the time the Orphanmasters find, there are due to her 19 fl. 8 st., which are paid.

Beletje Hermens, widow of *Hermen* the cooper, appearing is given for *Grietje Adams*, when she comes to board with her, a red skirt, a black cloth dress, two shifts, two stockings, and for herself 27 fl. board for three weeks.

On the 23^{d} of October last said *Grietje Adams* has been sent to board with her for 9 fl. the week.

The Orphanmasters have decided, as the money received for the property of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt* has been spent, to turn over his widow to the Deaconry with the following letter of recommendation :

Whereas *Grietje Adams*, widow of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt*, has until now been supported

by the Orphans Chamber out of the means, left by her husband, of which nothing is left, and as consequently she is obliged to look to the Deaconry for her support, therefore the Orphanmasters herewith turn her over to the Deacons with the friendly request and recommendation, to take good care of her and support her.

It is further resolved, to give to the belownamed parties the following order, to-wit to *Elsie Tymens*, widow of *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen*, *Marycke Lubbers*, widow of *Abraham de la Noy*, and *Cornelis Pluyvier*, widower of *Geertruyt Andries* from Koesvelt:

N. N., widow, resp. widower, is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters, to appear before them next Thursday, the 15th of this month, bringing with you an inventory of the property, left by your deceased husband, resp. wife. Done etc.

Thursday, December 15, 1661, at the City Hall (as before).

Order for *Claas van Elslant*, the elder.

Claas van Elslant, the elder, is herewith directed and ordered, within three times 24 hours to hand to Secretary *Joannes Nevius* the money, received from the sale of the property of *Jannetje Tomas* and *Margriet Samuel*, with an account.

Jacob Strycker appearing says, that in the year 1654 he and *Daniel Litsco* were appointed adminis-

trators of the estate of skipper *Jurriaen* and as it has been settled, he comes to deliver to this Board all papers relating to it and he hands up the following:

Agreement made with the widow, December 15, 1654.

Inventory of the property left, made December 12, 1654.

A mortgage on the house of said widow in Pearl Street, where she lives, dated December 18, 1654, for 666 Carolusguilders, 13 st. 5⅓ p.

Govert Loockermans, guardian of *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen's* widow, coming in is asked, whether the widow has received an order from the Orphanmasters. He answers. Then he is told, that the usages and rules of Orphans Chambers require the family of the deceased person to deliver to the Orphans Chamber a statement and inventory of the estate left. Therefore he is asked, whether the widow has made such a statement and inventory. He answers, she has not and cannot do it, as she does not know, how it is with her late husbands property in Holland and the books are not written up. He asks for time until the ships shall have arrived from home, as letters about the matter have been sent over by several vessels. This is granted. As it is necessary, that an administrator and guardian of the children on the part of the deceased should be appointed and *Govert Loockermans* proposes as such *Aldert Coninck*, the nearest blood relation of

the deceased in this country, the same coming before the Board is told, that as there is nobody on *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen's* side to serve as guardian of his children, the Orphanmasters appoint him with *Govert Loockermans* and being informed, that *Govert* requests time until the arrival of the ships from home to settle the estate, he declares himself satisfied with it, unless the widow should marry again before that, when she should be held to give an inventory of her property, left by the deceased. The Board agrees to that.

Marycke Lubbers, widow of *Abraham de la Noy*, appearing is informed of the Ordinance of the Orphans Chamber and asked, whether she and her husband had made a testament between them. Answering Yes, she shows it and it having been read by the Board, it was found, that the Chamber is excluded and has nothing to do with the estate, but it was ordered, to record it in the Orphans Book.

In the Name of the Lord! Amen! Know everybody, that to-day, the 25th of April, 1654, about 4 o. c. p. m. before me, *Dirck van Schelluyne*, Notary Public, residing at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, appointed by their High: Might: the Lords States General of the United Netherlands and before the witnesses, named below, appeared the worthy *Abraham de la Noy* and *Maria Lubberts*, husband and wife, living in this City and to me, the Notary, and the witnesses well known, both of sound mind and body, having their memory and reasoning power,

who, considering the frailty and brevity of human life, the certainty of death and the uncertainty of its hour, therefore wish to anticipate the same by a proper disposition of their temporal property and declare, that well advisedly, without being persuaded or misled by anybody, they have resolved upon, concluded and made this, their testament and last will in the following manner: first they commend their immortal souls, when they have left their bodies, to the merciful and gracious hands of God, their Creator and Saviour, and their bodies to a Christian burial, at the same time revoking and annulling all and every testamentary disposition, heretofore made and executed by them, singly or jointly, and disposing anew they have bequeathed to their three children, *Abraham, Peter and Marycke de la Noy* and what other children they may have during their married life, as they hereby do, instead of their legitimate share the sum of 500 fl., to be divided among them in equal shares by the survivor in such good pay, as then shall be current, when they shall have come of age or marry. Of all the other property, real and personal, bonds, credits, money, gold and silver, coined or uncoined, jewels, clothing, linnen, woollen, household goods, nothing excepted or reserved, left by the first of the testators dying, they make each other mutually the sole and universal heir, as they hereby do the survivor, to do therewith as he or she would do with other free and unencumbered property, without interference or con-

tradiction by anybody, the survivor being held honorably to support, bring up and educate said children until their coming of age or marrying and they are fit honestly to earn their own living, besides to fit them so out in case of marriage, as the survivor's discretion shall deem proper; further to do all for said children, what behooves a good father or mother to do, they having that faith in each other. In case one of the children should die, its legitimate share shall devolve upon the other child or children living.

Testators have further excluded the Director General and Council as well as the Magistrates of this City and all others representing the Orphans Chamber in this country[31] or people, who would wish to interfere with the bringing up of said children, for the testators do not wish anybody to have power over them, but in place thereof they appoint as guardian of the children and administrator of the property, as they hereby do, the survivor with power to select and join to him or herself as guardian or guardians one or more persons: nor do they wish, that the survivor shall be called upon for a statement and inventory of the estate under any pretext whatever, on pain of losing the effect of this disposition. The testators declare all the foregoing to be their testament and last will, which they desire shall, after the death of the first of them, have full effect as testament, codicill, donation *in re mortis* or otherwise,

[31] The Orphans Chamber was not organized until later.

as it best may stand, even though some of the solemnities of law may not have been observed and they request me, the Notary, to make and deliver one or more copies hereof in proper form. Thus done and signed at New Amsterdam in N. N., at the house of the testators in the presence of *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin* and *Reynier Rycken*, merchants h e, called in as witnesses, who have signed the original record hereof, in my charge, with the testators.

Beneath stood: In witness *Dirck van Schelluyne*, Not. Pub. and by the side of his signature the seal of the Notary was impressed in red wax under paper.

Before the Board came *Cornelis Pluyvier*, who was informed of the rules of the Orphans' Court and as his wife has died, he is asked, whether he has made a statement and inventory of the property, left by his wife. He produced a reciprocal testament, made by his wife and him, which having been read by the Board, it was found to give a legacy of 150 Carolus guilders to the wife's brother, if alive, and if dead to his children. The Orphanmasters decide, that *Cornelis Pluyvier* shall execute a bond for paying said legacy which he promises to do. It is also ordered to record said testament:

In the Name of the Lord! Amen! By the tenor of this instrument know ye everybody, that on the . . . day of September 1656 at about 5 o. c. p. m, before me, *Seger van der Pullen*, Notary Public,

appointed by the Court of Holland and residing in the City of Haarlem, and before the witnesses, named below, appeared *Cornelis Jansen Pluyvier* and *Geertruyd Andries* of Koesvelt, husband and wife, *Cornelis Jansen* being in good health and *Geertruyd Andries* lying sick abed, but nevertheless having by Gods grace and mercy full possession of her reason, intellect, memory and speech, as was clearly seen and nothing else could be noticed, who both declared, considering the brevity of human life on this earth, which is perishable like grass and hay, yea, like a flower in the field; that nothing is more sure, than death and nothing more uncertain, than its time and hour, they wish to anticipate this uncertainty by disposing of their wordly goods and declare, because of the singular love and affection, they have for each other, they name one the other sole and universal heir, as they hereby do, of all the property, which the first dying may leave behind, so that the survivor may do with this property, as with other free and unencumbered property, without interference or contradiction by anybody, whoever he may be, provided however, that in case he, the testator, should die before his dear wife, she, the testatrix, shall be held to turn over to *Jan Joosten Plavier* (sic) testator's father, if then alive and not otherwise his legitimate share, which according to strict law he may claim from the testator's property and for that purpose he constitutes his father as co-heir. If it should happen, that she, the testatrix, dies before

her dearest husband, then it is her wish and will, that within a year and six weeks after her death the husband shall pay to her brother, if alive, or if not to his children, the sum of 150 Carolus guilders and no more. Testators declare the foregoing to be their testament and last will, desiring, that after their death it may be obeyed and carried out, having full effect and power as testament, codicill, *donatio in re mortis* etc etc. Thus done and executed at the house of *Jan Joosten Plavier*, where testators live, in the presence of *Lauwerens* (?) and *Willem de Ram*, called in as witnesses, who have signed this record with the testators and me, the Notary. Beneath stood: "In witness *S. v. der Pullen*, Notary Public.

Before the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., appeared *Cornelis Pluyvier*, who declared that under the testament, made by him and his late wife, he owes to her brother, if alive, or if dead to his children the sum of 150 Carolus guilders, Holland currency, devised to him resp. them as legacy by said testament. This sum of 150 fl. he promises to pay to his said brother-in-law or children, giving as security a special mortgage on his house and lot on the Westside of the Heere Straat (Broadway), bounded South by the house and lot of *Jacob Vis*, West by the lot of *De Samuel Drisius*, North by the City Wall and East by said street and generally binding his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts. In witness whereof

he has signed this at Amsterdam in N. N. December 29, 1661. CORNELIS PLUVIER

To my knowledge JOANNES NEVIUS, Secretary.

Thursday, December 22, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

The estates, left by *Jannetje Tomas* and *Margriet Samuel*, were considered; it was also ordered, to summon for the next meeting *Raghel van Tienhoven*, *Cristyn de Haas* and *Margriet Hardenbroeck*, also *Tomas Hal* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, administrators of the estates of *Margriet Samuel* and *Janneke Tomas*.

Thursday, December 29, 1661, at the City Hall present (as before).

Before the Board appeared *Tomas Hal* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, administrators of the estates, left by *Margriet Samuel* and *Janneke Tomas*, who after some conversation regarding them with the Orphanmasters were directed, to make as soon as possible a settlement with each of the creditors and to report it to this Board, so that each may be paid as much as the estates will allow.

Vroutje Gerrits, the wife of *Cousyn*, the wheelwright, coming in is asked for payment of her arrears for the verhaalde estate and is told, that she still owes 37 fl. 16 st., whereupon she says, she had paid 6 fl. to *Claas van Elslant* on her debt and had bought a plough for *Dirck van Tright;* she asks,

whether *Dirck van Tright* is not bound to pay for it and is told, no one else is bound but the purchaser. Her request for time until next week is granted.

Isaack de Foreest brings his book, by which he shows, that after an accounting with *Claas Marten* there is still due him from the estate 110 fl.; as the Orphanmasters have decided, that everybody, who has bought of the estate, must pay for it, and is to receive his pay from the estate according to its circumstances, he says, he does not intend to pay and if he had known it, he would have proved it. Then he is asked, whether when requested he would confirm his account under oath and answers Yes: whereupon he is allowed to keep, what he has purchased on account and the balance shall be paid to him out of the estate, if possible, with which he is satisfied.

As her husband does not appear and nothing has been heard from him, when she comes in, *Raghel van Tienhoven* is asked after the property of her husband. She answers, she has not yet settled with the Company, who retains his books. Asked whether she has appointed guardians for her children, she says No and is ordered to select two of her friends, who may take in hand the case with the Company: she is given time for consideration, which she accepts.

Margriet Hardenbroeck, widow of *Pieter Rudolfus*, is requested to bring an inventory of the estate of her late husband and asked, whether she

has guardians for her children, she answers, that there is a guardian in Holland, who is expected shortly to arrive. As she cannot make the inventory so quickly and does not know, how her late husbands affairs in Holland stand, she asks for time, until the arrival of the first ships or until her brother comes, which is allowed.

Thursday, February 23, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

Bartholdus Maan requests to have the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* wound up, so that he may receive, what is due him from the same; he says, others receive their money and he not. He was promised, the administrators should be summoned and the matter investigated. The Orphanmasters direct, that the following order should be sent to the administrators.

Tielman van Vleeck and *Nicolaas Gangeloffsen Visser*, administrators of the estate, relinquished by *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, are herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to appear before this Board next Monday, February 27th, at 9 o. c. a. m. and report on said estate.

The Orphanmasters give notice, that *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* has informed them, *Aaltje Velthuysen* had given him to be invested for her children out of the property, inherited from her father, 50 fl., which he has now and for which he will pay interest.

Symon Clasen Turck requests the Board for payment of finishing the yacht of *Reyntje Pieters* and is told, as said *Reyntje* has settled with the Orphanmasters November 27 anno? he must look to *Reyntje.*

As he has executed on behalf of his wife *Joanna de Laat* for the settlement upon her children of their paternal inheritance a mortgage, *Jeronimus Ebbinck* requests, that it may be annulled and he freed from claims. After reading his request the following answer was sent to him:

Whereas *Jeronimus Ebbinck* has informed us, the Orphanmasters of this City, that his wife has settled upon her children their paternal inheritance in the Fatherland, which is recorded in the books of this Board, and whereas he therefore requests, that the mortgage, by him executed before us, be annulled, therefore the Board, after due consideration finding his request just, herewith strike out and annul said mortgage. Done etc.

Herewith *Weintje*, the widow of *Aart Willemsen* dec'd., is ordered by the Orphanmasters to deliver to this Board next Monday, February 27, at 9 o. c. a. m. an inventory of her present estate, then to make a settlement on her children of their paternal inheritance.

Monday, February 27, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

Weyntje Elberts, widow of *Aart Willemsen*,

states, that she settles upon her children *Willem*, *Annetje*, *Elbert* and *Evert Aartzen* the sum of 2000 fl. giving as security her house, mill building and lot, whereupon she is told to deliver an inventory of her estate next Thursday.

Claas Gangelofzen Visser, administrator of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, coming in is asked, how it stands with said estate. He says, he has collected some money and paid it out to one or the other; he also requests, whereas his co-administrator *Tielman van Vleeck* is often across the river and away from home, that another be appointed in his place. He is told, he must call on the various debtors, but it was decided to wait, until *van Vleeck* comes and then they are to finish the work together.

Caspar Steymits entering is informed, that he owes to the estate of *Cleyn* (little) *Claasje* 168 fl. He says, by order of *Tomas Hal* he has paid Mr. *Jacob Varrevanger* 100 fl. and requests time of at least a month. Whereupon he is told, that as the estate can give no time, the money must be put up. He is therefore requested to execute an order in favour of the Treasurer for 68 fl., to be paid out of the houserent of Mr. *Evert*, which he does.

Thursday, March 2, 1662, at the City Hall present (same as before).

Asser Levy coming in requests, that Mr. *Paulus van de Beeck* may pay on his account to the estate of

Claas Martensen 260 fl. It is decided, that *Assur Levy* must pay his own debts.

Tielman van Vleeck on his appearance is ordered, to summon for next Thursday all the debtors of the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, to settlé up the estate.

Weyntje Elberts, widow of *Aart Willemsen*, delivers an inventory of her property and requests, that Burgomaster *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* and *Symon Jansen Romeyn* be appointed guardians of her children, which is allowed and they are to make an agreement with her according to the following order:

Whereas *Weyntje Elberts*, widow of *Aart Willemsen*, intends to marry again and take *Cornelis Aarssen*, widower of *Beletje Hendrickx*, as husband, and whereas said *Weyntje* has four minor children by said *Aart Willemsen* upon whom before the solemnization of her marriage she is willing to settle their paternal inheritance, so that when they come of age or marry they may have their own, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City herewith, after communication with and approbation of the widow, appoint the Hon^ble^ *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift*, at present Burgomaster of this City, and *Symon Jansen Romeyn*, Burgher and inhabitant here, as guardians, who are authorized to make as guardians and administrators with the widow such an agreement on behalf of the children concerning what comes to them from their father's estate by a com-

plete inventory and appraisal, statement of debts and credits, as justice may require, and to report the same to this Board for approval. Done etc.

Thursday, March 9, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

The following persons, summoned by *Jan Jelyssen Koek* for their debts to the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, appear and answer as follows:

Resolveert Waldron states, that he has paid to *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, but as he will not confirm this under oath, it is decided, he must pay again, which he agrees to do.

Pieter Janzen Metselaar (mason) offers to swear, that the 2 f. 2 to *Velthuysen* . . .

Pelgrum Clock proves by his book, that he has paid 20 f. 4 and offers besides to swear to it, if necessary.

Symon Clazen Turck says in regard to a note of 34 f., that the same was taken by *Velthuysen* against some goods of *Symon Hermsen Cort*, left with him and consisting in 5 deerskins, unprepared, 7 to 8 heifers. He is ordered to bring in in 8 days what he has against it. *Symon Hermsen Cort* states, that for account of *Velthuysen*, he has received from *Symon Clasen Turck* 16 planks at 24 st. the piece a month or six weeks after having married his present wife.

Lodowyck Pos, called upon for 33 f. says, he has made on that account two drawers for 10 fl., which

is credited to his account and he is ordered to pay the balance of 23 fl. to the administrators next week.

Reinier Wisselpenninck, carpenter, says about the item of 13 fl. 16, that he has paid and has had nothing thereafter, which he can freely swear to. He is directed to prove payment or take the oath and to consider it, 8 days' time are given him.

Jacob van Couwenhoven says, he has settled the 4 fl. 8 in account and there is still due him for a spade. He offers to prove it by his book in eight days.

Order to *Mattheus de Vos*, directing him to bring to the next session of the Board the balance of the money from the sale of *N. Velthuysen's* goods.

Raghel van Tienhoven inquires, what must be done to recover the books of her husband, retained by the Company. The Orphanmasters promise to do their best for her and decide for that purpose to make the following request to the Director General and Council :

To the Noble, Very Honourable the Director General and Council of N. N.
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Before us, the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N., appeared *Weyntje Elberts*, widow of *Aart Willemsen*, who declared, that according to the agreement, made with Burgomaster *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift* and *Symon Jansen Romeyn*, Burgher residing here, guardians of said

Weyntje's children, she truly owes to her children *Willem*, *Annetje*, *Elbert* and *Everts Arents* the sum of 2200 fl. for their paternal inheritance, that is to each child 550 fl., which sum she promises to pay to each child on coming of age or marrying in good, strung current wampum, for which she gives as security to the Orphans Chamber a mortgage on her house, mill and lot on the Eastside of the Heere Straat (Broadway) between the houses and lots of *Isaack Greveraat*, Schepen of this City, on the North and *Samuel Etsal* on the South, further generally binding her person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts, especially said Orphans Chamber. In witness whereof she has signed this with her own hand at Amsterdam in N. N. March 9, 1662.

This is the mark

of Weyntje Elberts, made by herself.

Saturday, March 11, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

Mattheus de Vos, Bailiff of this City, coming in is asked, how it stands with the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* and what money has been received from the sale of the goods. He answers, he cannot say, as he has not the record of the auction and requests authority to compel the unwilling by execution.

Order.

Mattheus de Vos, the Bailiff of this City, is herewith ordered and directed by the Orphanmasters to demand from *Claas van Elslant*, the elder, the record of and the money received for the goods of *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, sold at auction, to collect the money not yet paid and to levy by execution on those, who will not pay, reporting all to this Board next Thursday, March 16.

Tomas Hall, administrator of the estates of *Jannetje Tomas* and *Margriet Samuel*, coming in is told, to pay to *Metje Greveraat* for the child of *Jannetje Tomas*, placed in her charge January 15, 1661, of the sum of 150 fl. in wampum for the year 81 fl. 4 and there were paid to said *Metje* out of the money of *Claas van Elslant* 75 fl., making a total of 156 fl. 4.

Thursday, March 16, 1662, present at the City Hall Messrs. *Olof Stevensen van Cortlant* and *Marten Cregier*.

Mighiel Jansen states, that he has a claim against the estate of *Hendrick Pietersen van Hasselt*, whereupon he is told, said estate had a surplus of only 16 fl. 14, which are given him and he is satisfied.

Mattheus de Vos delivers the list of the sold goods of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* and says, there are some, who have bought some goods and have claims against the estate, which they wish to set off: he

requests, that *Jan Gillissen Kock* and *Claas van Elslant* go about and collect the balance, he himself promising to do his duty towards those, who refuse to pay. This is approved by the Orphanmasters and those unwilling to pay are to be summoned.

Order.

Jan Jelissen Kock is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to go about with *Claas van Elslant*, the elder, collect the money, still due to the estate, deserted by *Nicolaas Velthuysen*, to make a list of all, who refuse to pay, note the reasons for their refusal and report to this Board.

Tomas Hal and *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, administrators of the estates of *Margriet Samuel* and *Jannetje Tomas*, appear before the Board.

Thursday, March 23, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before).

The son of *Cornelis Aarsen* appearing says, that *Willem*, the orphaned son of *Margriet Samuel* has lived for some time at his parents' house and as his father after the death of his mother has turned the farm over to him, he requests the Orphanmasters to leave said *Willem* in his service. He is told, first to speak with *Willem* and then to come with him to the next session of the Board.

Hendrick Lambersen Mol requests payment for his trouble with *Jan Hutsitson*, while sick. The account handed in by him having been examined, the

Orphanmasters allow and pay him 60 fl., with which he is satisfied, giving a receipt.

Thursday, April 6, 1662, at the City Hall present as before and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

The persons, summoned by *Jan Jelissen Kock* for their debts to the estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen,* answer as follows:

David Joghimzen—91 fl. 17.— acknowledges the debt and says, he did not know, but that it had been paid by *Jacob Jansen Sam.* He is ordered to pay.

Sybrant Jansen Galma—118 fl. 10.—admits the debt and asks for four weeks time, in which he will pay. Granted.

Frerick Aarzen—6 fl. 16.—says, he has paid to *Mattheus de Vos,* who called in denies it. He then thinks, he must have given the money to *Claas van Elslant,* who is also called in and asked, whether he has received money from *Frerick Aarzen:* he answers No.

Jacobus Backer—27 fl.—says, he first wants to know, how much each is to receive *pro rata,* who has a just claim and he pretends, he is not obliged to pay more, than after a repartition of the accounts he shall be found to owe. The Board does not agree with him.

Order for the Bailiff.

The Bailiff is herewith ordered and directed to demand and receive the money, due to the estate

of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* for goods sold from it, and to prosecute unwilling debtors with the utmost rigor of the law.

Raghel van Tienhoven appearing the request, made on her behalf to the Director General and Council March 9th last and the answer thereto are read to her, but as the answer is rather long, it cannot be recorded with the request, on the margin of which it stands and it is therefore deposited in the drawer of chest No. 4.

Order.

Anneke Litsco, widow of *Daniel Litsco*, is herewith ordered by the Orphanmasters to appear before them next Thursday, April 13, bringing with her an inventory of the estate of her late husband. Done etc.

Thursday, April 27, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier*, *Cornelis Steenwyck*, and *Pieter van Couwenhoven*.

Before the Board appeared *Caspar Steimits* and *Joris Wolsy* in relation to the administration upon some property, inherited by and belonging to *Mary Botlaar*, who having married and being present with her husband requests the Board to inquire for the property. Being questioned about it said *Caspar* shows a contract, made with *Joris Wolsy* and *Tomas Baxter* and written by Notary *David Provoost* October 31, 1661, by which he binds him-

self to pay to said *Mary Botlaar*, being the daughter of *Dorathe Astens*, his late wife, the sum of 600 fl. in six years each year 100 fl., of which he has already paid to the daughter as per account: *Joris Wolsy* produces a statement of what he has delivered to said *Mary*, which the Orphanmasters find to be as follows:

Mary Bottlaar

Credit.		Debit.	
By inheritance	fl. 600	To paid to Caspar Steymits for expenses since the year 1651, when she lived at Jacob Hay's, as per a/c No 1 and contract	fl. 82.7½
" Adam Mott as per a/c	53.5	" Expense account No. 2 fl 80.11, taxed to	" 70.
		" Joris Wolsey for various expenses, as per No 3	" 100.
		" Do. do.	" 3.12
		" three cows	" 273.
	fl. 653.5		fl. 528.19½.

Having received the accounts of *Joris Wolsy* and *Caspar Steymits*, concerning the administration of the property, inherited by *Mary Botlaar*, the Orphanmasters of the City of Amsterdam in N. N. have found, that *Joris Wolsy* still owes *Mary* a balance of 36 fl. 13 st., besides an account and return of three cows with information of where they

are and what increase they have had from the year 1654 to date; and as to the account of *Caspar Steymits* it is found, that he still owes said *Mary Botlaar* 89 fl. 12½ st. and they are both ordered to pay their debts as soon as possible. Done etc.

Pursuant to order of the Board of April 6 *Anna Claas Croesens*, widow of *Daniel Litsco*, produces the testament made by herself and husband, which is ordered recorded.

Testament.

In the name of the Lord, Amen! Know ye everybody, who may read this public instrument or hear it read, that on the 26th of December, 1661, at about 3 o. c. p. m., before me, *Mattheus de Vos*, Notary Public, appointed by the Hon^ble^ Director General and Council and residing at Amsterdam in New Netherland, and before the witnesses, named below, personally appeared the worthy *Daniel Letsco*, Lieutenant of a Company of Burghers in this City, sick abed, and *Anna Claas Croesens*, his wife, to me, the Notary, well known as well in body and both in possession of their memory and reason, using them freely, as was apparent to us,—who considering human sickness and frailty, the certainty of death and its uncertain hour and not wishing to leave this world without testamentary dispositions have in the best manner, quite voluntarily made their testament and last will as follows: they first commend their immortal souls, when leaving their bodies, to the endless

mercy of God, and their bodies to the earth by a Christian burial; they revoke and annul all former testaments and last wills, by them jointly or singly made and executed, not wishing, that anybody shall meddle therein in any way, but holding them with all points, clauses and legacies contained therein as powerless and of no value. Then as the testatrix has a son of her first marriage with *Jan Jansen Swaartveger*, called *Hermanus Jansen Swaartveger* and born at Castel Rio Grande in Brazil, now about 19 years old and studying the art and practice of surgery here in this City, as the paternal estate, settled on him, has through troubles and misfortune at sea become mixed up with the property of the testators, which was not very important, as it has pleased the Lord to bless them here in this country with worldly goods, honestly acquired,—in coming to the disposition of their property, the testators devise to said *Hermanus Jansen*, in place of his paternal inheritance, as they herewith do, the sum of 400 fl. in good, strung wampum, which the survivor of them both shall be bound to pay him, when he comes of age or marries with their consent and considering, that said *Hermanus Jansen* has costed the testators already a good sum for learning surgery and will cost more, which they will and wish shall be taken by him as his legitimate childs share of his parents' property; they have made and constituted, as they hereby do, their daughter *Anna Litsco*, now about 14 years old, also heiress of 400 fl. of good,

strung wampum, to be paid, as before, by the survivor as her legitimate share, when she comes of age or marries with the consent of the survivor. Further out of the special love and affection, which they bear to each other, the testators reciprocally name and constitute the survivor universal heir of all property, movable and immovable, bonds and credits, linnen, woollen, gold and silver, coined and uncoined, clothing, household goods, nothing excepted, which the first dying may leave, who hereby empowers the survivor to do therewith, as he or she pleases, without interference or contradiction from anybody and without being obliged to give an account or inventory, but excluding all including their children under pain of losing, if they should oppose this testament and last will, especially excluding herewith the Orphans Chamber of this City or where testators might die and all others concerning the guardianship of their said children and the administration of their property for they do not wish, that these shall have any trouble about it. The testators further herewith authorize each other, that the survivor may elect as co-guardian of the children, whom he or she pleases, and they substitute the said two children, *Hermanus Jansen Swaartveger* and *Anna Letsco* to inherit each one half of the estate, left by testators, to do therewith as with their own and if one of said children should die, while a minor, his or her aforesaid pre-legacy and legitimate hereditary share shall then devolve upon the survivor of them,

at whose death, while a minor, it shall go to the survivor of the testators and if such minor child should die after the death of the surviving testator, his or her share is to go to the nearest blood relations of testatrix, then alive, for it is not desired, that the blood relations of him, the testator, shall have anything, because he has never received any kindness or help from them, although they might and could have done it; they are hereby expressly excluded for good reasons the testators hereto moving. Finally the testators say, it is their last will, that in case they, jointly or singly, should change, increase or decrease the provisions, here made, by an instrument under their hand or hands, it shall be held to be of such force and value, as if it were included herein. The testators declare the foregoing to be their reciprocal last will and they demand, that in every respect it shall be carried out strictly and inviolably either as testament, codicill, donation *causa mortis* among living or otherwise, as is done with a testament and last will, even though some solemnity, required by law, may not have been observed, herewith deprecating all rules, ordinances and laws, hindering and preventing the execution hereof. Done at testators' house in Amsterdam in N. N. in the presence of *Freryck Gysbertsen van den Bergh* and *Pieter Lauwerensen,* inhabitants of this City, called in as credible witnesses, who signed the record hereof with the testators and me, the Notary, on the date as aforesaid. Beneath stood : After comparison

this copy is found to agree with the original. Quod attestor.

MATTHEUS DE VOS, Notary Public.

Thursday, June 15, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

Abraham Jansen, the carpenter, coming in asks the Board for 400 fl., in wampum at interest on his house and lot, where he lives and is promised, that he shall have it to-morrow or Saturday.

On June 17, 1662, the aforesaid 400 fl. have been handed to said *Abraham Jansen* by Mr. *Marten Cregier* as follows, he executing a mortgage on his house, recorded in the register of mortgages.

A box with wampum	fl., 87.7	
" "	" 38.5	This money comes
" "	" 75.17	from the estate of
" "	" 100.4	*Jan Hutson*, paid
" "	" 55.	by *Reintje Pieters*
" "	" 43.7	This from *Cleyn Claasie.*
	fl. 400.	

Thursday, July 20, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier, Cornelis Steenwyck* and *Pieter van Couwenhoven.*

Mr. *Marten Cregier* proposes, that the City needed some money and therefore the Burgomasters asked to have 600 fl. on interest: as the money on

hand earned no interest, it was unanimously resolved by the Board, to loan 600 fl. to the City at 10 p. c. and the following parcels were handed over:

A box with	fl.	51	brought over	fl.	367.8½
" "	"	50.4½	A box with	"	18.15
A paper "	"	26.6	" "	"	18.16½
A box "	"	49.16	" "	"	54.
A paper "	"	18	" "	"	37.3
" "	"	18	" "	"	87.6
" "	"	20.12	" "	"	15.14
" "	"	29.10	loose money	"	.17
A box "	"	14			
"	"	90			fl. 600.
	fl.	367.8½			

We, the undersigned Burgomasters and Rulers of this City of Amsterdam in the New Netherland, acknowledge and declare, that on the date as below we have received from the Orphans Chamber of this City six hundred florins in wampum, which we promise to return and pay to said Chamber on call in such pay, as wampum then shall rate between man and man, giving interest at ten per cent yearly from this day until the full and effectual repayment of said sum. For the fulfilment hereof we bind all the City's property, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts. In witness whereof we have signed this

at Amsterdam in New Netherland on the 20th of July, 1662.

Oloff Stevensen.
P. L. van de Grift.

Whereas *Margriet Hardenbroeck*, the widow of *Pieter Rudolfus*, intends to become the wife of *Frerich Flipsen* and the bans have already been published, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City order and direct said *Margriet Hardenbroeck*, before the solemnization of her marriage to deliver to this Board a statement and inventory of the property, left by said *Pieter Rudolfus* and to be settled on his child as inheritance. This she is to do in eight days, on the last of this month. Done at Amsterdam in N. N., November 23, 1662.

By Order, etc.

Monday, December 4, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck*.

Margriet Hardenbroeck, the widow of *Pieter Rudolfus*, coming in is told, that as she intends to marry again she must settle upon her child by said *Rudolfus* the property, inherited from the father. She says, that at present she can make no settlement, as her affairs are not ready, but, she adds, she has taken care of that, for by the marriage contract with her new husband provision is made, that this child is to inherit a like share with the children she

may have during this marriage. The Board decide, that said marriage contract is to be recorded in the Orphans book and that guardians of the child must be appointed, as which are named the father of said *Margriet Hardenbroeck* and *Jacobus Backer*: she was ordered to notify the Board at the next session.

Abraham Pietersen Molenaar (miller) reports, that his daughter requests, he and *Sybout Claassen* should be the guardians of her children by her deceased husband *Tomas Jansen Mingael*, but as said *Mingael* had an uncle, living at Fort Orange, the Orphanmasters decide, that he too must be a guardian, according to the following instrument:

Whereas *Tomas Jansen Mingael* has died, leaving besides the widow three small children, which requires, that administrators of his estate and guardians for his children should be appointed, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City elect and qualify as such *Abraham Pietersen Molenaar*, the father-in-law of the deceased, *Sybout Classen* and *Cornelis Teunissen*, called *Kees Schoester* (*Cornelis* the shoemaker), herewith ordering said *Abraham Pietersen* and *Sybout Classen*, in the absence of said *Cornelis Teunissen*, whom the season and conditions do not allow to be present, to make an inventory of said estate as soon as possible and report it to Mr. *Marten Cregier*, President of the Orphans Chamber, in 14 days, to be disposed of then, as the best interests of the widow and heirs should require.

The Orphanmasters resolved to write to Mr. *Paulus Leendersen van der Grift*, asking him to pay over to *Jan Julissen Kock* the 50 fl., settled on *Aaltje Bickers'* children, so that they may be placed in the chest of the Orphans Chamber.

Cristina de Haas is hereby ordered to appear before this Board at the next session.

Thursday, December 14, 1662, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier*, *Cornelis Steenwyck* and *Peter van Couwenhoven.*

Catarina de Haas appearing is told, whereas her husband has now been from home for some years and rumor has it, that he had died on the Islands, she must, agreeably to the rule of the Orphans Chamber, give an account and inventory of her husbands estate and settle on the child the paternal inheritance. She says, that up to date she had no sure information of her husbands death, that it was only rumored here, that her estate is not settled yet, that there are several creditors in Holland, from whom she expects to receive the power of attorney next year.

Annetje Dircks, late widow of *Dirck Smitt*, is informed, that *Jacob Strycker* and *Isaack Grevenraat*, guardians of her child, request, that she shall settle on her child the paternal inheritance. She answers, she has done that in Holland and shows an instru-

ment to that effect, dated January 20, 1662, to the amount of 400 fl. and a further settlement of 600 fl. secured on her house here, dated March 31, 1662 : asked, whether she has received the whole of her husband's pay from the Company and whether she has called on Messrs. *Horenbeeck* and *Verbruggen*, she says Yes. The Orphanmasters decide and order her, to appear before the Board with her husband in eight days and it is resolved to send her in the meantime the following instrument :

Annetje Meinders, formerly widow of *Dïrck Smitt*, late Ensign in the service of the West India Company here, has shown to the Orphans Chamber of this City the settlement on her child of the paternal estate, made in Holland by a note for 400 fl. given to the Orphans Chamber at Amsterdam, Holland, and besides it mortgaged her house and lot on the Heerewegh (Broadway) in this City for 600 fl. Holland currency ; this settlement not appearing sufficient to the Orphanmasters, they therefore request Messrs. *Jacob Strykcer* and *Isaack Greveraat*, guardians of said *Annetje Meinders*' child, to make such other agreement with her about the settlement, as they shall consider fair and best for the child. Done etc.

Margriet Hardenbroeck coming in produces the marriage contract, made by her and *Freryck Flipsen*, her future husband, but not signed. This contract having been read and considered, the Board does not deem it sufficient to show, that the paternal in-

heritance is settled on the child, because it says, first, that the survivor shall not be held to give any account to the children or relations nor an inventory of the estate, excluding all: secondly, the fifth article says, that if the contracting parties should have no children, no settlement shall be made on her child. *Margriet Hardenbroeck* is therefore ordered to make a settlement on the child of the paternal inheritance in eight days from date.

Monday, December 18, 1662, at the City Hall present (as before.)

Abraham Pietersen Molenaar (miller), grandfather of the children of *Tomas Jansen Mingael*, and with *Sybout Classen*, guardian of said children, inform the Board, that they fear, the estate of *Tomas Jansen* owes more, than is due to it, and they request therefore, that two of the principal creditors be appointed administrators. The Board decides and tells them, to make that request to the Court.

Margriet Hardenbroeck is asked, whether she has spoken with her fiancé about what was told her last Saturday; saying, she had done so, she is directed to bring him in.

Paulus Heimans is asked after the condition of his property and of the goods, left by his deceased wife. Answering, that all had been sold, he is asked, how

many children he has, and says two, both children of his wife by her first husband, named *Volckje* and *Andries.* The Orphanmasters direct him to have a statement of incoming and due moneys made by *Gabry* the Vendumaster, and to show it to the Board next Thursday.

Frerick Flipsen and *Margriet Hardenbroeck,* coming in are asked for their marriage contract and how it is understood, and after explaining it they signed the following document.

Before the Orphans Court appeared *Margriet Hardenbroeck,* widow of *Pieter Rudolfus,* prospective bride, assisted by her future husband, *Frerick Flipsen,* who jointly declared, as it was impossible to make a settlement on her child by *Pieter Rudolfus,* called *Maria,* of the paternal estate, the more so, as it was not known, by whom they might be called on for debts of *Rudolfus'* estate, therefore *Frerick Flipsen,* out of special love and affection, promises, as he hereby does, to keep said child as his own and if his wife, her mother, should die before him, leaving only this child, he declares, he makes her now the heiress of all her, the wife's, and his property, provided he does not marry again and died unmarried. But if he should marry again, then he could and would give to said child a just half and if he and *Margriet* should have one or more children, he declares, that *Maria* aforesaid shall share alike with them. In witness whereof both have signed this at

the Orphans Chamber in Amsterdam in N. N. December 18, 1662.

FREDRYCK FLYPSEN
MARGRITA HARDENBROECK

We, the undersigned Orphanmasters, are satisfied with the foregoing settlement and have signed this in proof thereof. Date as above.

MARTIN KREGIER
CORNELIS STEENWYCK.

1663.

Whereas, *Tielman van Vleeck* and *Claas Gangelofzen Visser* have been elected administrators of the deserted estate of *Nicolaas Velthuysen* by the Orphanmasters and said *van Vleeck* has moved from here to live in the Village of Bergen in this Province, whereby it has become necessary to appoint somebody else in his place, therefore the Orphanmasters herewith elect and qualify *Pieter Jacobsen Marius*, who is requested with said *Claas Gangelofzen Visser* to settle said estate as quickly as possible, take over the money in hands of said *van Vleeck* and of the Bailif *Mattheus de Vos* and collect the outstanding debts, so that the estate may at once be closed up and the creditors receive their dues. Done at Amsterdam in N. N. January 17, 1663.

Monday, January 29, 1663, at the City Hall present (as before).

Annetje Meinders, formerly widow of the late

Ensign *Dirck Smitt*, appearing is informed, that the Orphanmasters do not consider the settlement, made in Holland, sufficient and that she is still bound to make another settlement, the more so as the house and furniture here are security for it. After some hesitating, *Annetje* agrees to talk with her husband about it and make another settlement. The Orphanmasters having resolved to appoint another guardian to act with *Jacob Strycker* and *Isaack Greveraat* elect as such *Hendrick Smit*, brother of the deceased, to whom, coming in, this is communicated and he is asked about the payment of the note, settled on the child in Holland. Answering, his brother has come from Holland and knows more about the matter, he is requested to inform himself about it.

Commission.

Whereas the Orphanmasters deem it best, that besides the guardians, already elected for the child of *Dirck Smitt* dec'd., Ensign in the service of the West India Company here, another be appointed, therefore they authorize to act as such *Hendrick Smit*, brother of the said *Dirck Smitt* dec'd. Done etc.

Thursday, February 8, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier* and *Cornelis Steenwyck.*

Adam Brouwer, *Tomas Verdon* and *Arien Wil-*

lemsen appearing produce an extract from the Record of Resolutions of the Court of Breuckelen, dated January 24, 1663, and having been referred by said Court to this Board, as the extract shows, they request, that Master *Paulus* be ordered, to let them have their fathers property, for which purpose the following order is made:

Adam Brouwer, *Tomas Verdon* and *Arien Willemsen*, all children by previous marriages of the wife of *Paulus van de Beecq*, having shown an extract from the Record of Resolutions of the Court of Breuckelen, dated January 24, 1663, request, whereas up to date they have not yet received their father's inheritance, that they may have it from Mr. *Paulus van de Beecq*, who has hitherto retained it. The Orphanmasters decide, as persons and property are not within the jurisdiction of this City and the power of this Board does not extend beyond the limits of the jurisdiction, that therefore petitioners must address themselves to the Director General and Council of N. N.

Jacob Strycker and *Isaack Greveraat* come in with *Stoffel Barensen Smitt*, brother of the deceased *Dirck Barensen Smitt*, late Ensign in the service of the W. I. Company here, also *Annetje Meinders*, widow of said *Dirck Barensen Smitt*, assisted by her present husband, *Abel Hardenbroeck*. Having received the settlement, made on her child by *Annetje Meinders* in Holland, and having seen the state-

ment and inventory of the property of her late husband, the Orphanmasters declare the settlement insufficient and require her to make another. Finally after estimating the value of the inventorized goods and after some haggling said *Annetje* made in the presence and with the consent of her present husband an agreement with the Orphanmasters, to-wit, that when her child by said *Dirck Barensen Smitt* comes of age or marries she promises, as she hereby does, to pay her 1100 fl. Holland currency and besides 700 fl. in good, strung, current wampum, as it then, when it becomes due, shall pass here in the City between man and man. Both, *Annetje Meinders* and *Abel Hardenbroeck*, further promise, honestly to bring up said child, with those God may give them during their married life, give her food and clothing, in health and in sickness, instruct her in God's Word, let her go to school, have her taught to sew and to do all, which pious and good parents are bound to do, all without diminishing said sums of money. For the carrying out of the foregoing they give to the Orphanmasters as special security both their houses and lots in this City, one East of the Heere Straat (Broadway), bounded North by *Jan Hendricksen van Gunst*, South by the house and lot of *Geertje Hoppe*, the other on the Westside of the Prince Graft (Broad Str.), between the houses and lots of *Cornelis Barensen van der Kuyl* on the South and of the widow of *Pieter Rudolfus* on the North,

generally binding their persons and property, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and courts. In witness whereof they have signed this at Amsterdam in New Netherland, January 31, 1663.

ABELL HARDENBRUCK.

This is the mark

of ANNETJE MEINDERS, made by herself.

Thursday, February 22, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Marten Cregier*, *Cornelis Steenwyck* and *Pieter Wolferzen van Couwenhoven.*

Schepen *Jan Vinge* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh* report, that as *Raghel van Tienhoven* has died, it is necessary to appoint guardians for the children and administrators of the estate and the Board agreeing with them elect as guardians and administrators said *Jan Vinge* and *Pieter Stoutenburgh* and with their knowledge and consent as co-administrators Schepen *Jacques Cousseau*, who in the presence of *Cornelis Steenwyck*, late Schepen and now Orphanmaster, are to make an inventory of and settle the estate, conform to the following instrument:

As *Raghel van Tienhoven* has died on the 18th of February of this year, leaving three minor children, *Lucas*, *Joannes* and *Janneke*, and besides some property with outstanding and incoming debts, which requires the appointment of guardians and administrators, to settle and close up the estate for the satisfaction of the creditors and that the heirs may

come to their own, therefore the Orphanmasters elect and qualify as guardians and administrators, as they hereby do, the Hon^ble^ *Jan Vinge*, Schepen of this City and brother of the deceased, *Pieter Stoutenburgh*, her brother-in-law, and besides them as co-administrator the Hon^ble^ *Jacques Cousseau*, also Schepen, who, in the presence of the Hon^ble^ *Cornelis Steenwyck*, late Schepen and now Orphanmaster, chosen from this Board by the guardians and herewith authorized, are to settle the estate, make as soon as possible an inventory of all the property, real and personal, left by deceased, and report the same to this Board for such disposition, as circumstances shall make it proper. Done etc.

To-day *Metje Greveraat* was paid for board of the child of *Clein Claasie* 200 fl.

Monday, March 12, 1663, at the City Hall present (as before).

Merritje Loockerman, wife of *Govert Loockermans*, requests, that the Board may qualify two persons to examine the books and papers of *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen* dec'd. and settle his estate. She is informed, that the Board has thereto appointed her husband and *Aldert Coninck*, whereupon she asks, that her husband might be excused and somebody else appointed in his place, to avoid all suspicion against him among the friends in Holland. After due consideration the Board authorize and qualify *Aldert Coninck* and *Joannes de Peister*.

Commission.

Pieter Cornelizen van der Veen having died in the year 1661 and having left besides the widow three minor children, *Cornelis*, *Tymen* and *Grietje*, for whom guardians and administrators of the estate left must be appointed, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City herewith authorize and qualify as guardians *Aldert Coninck* and *Joannes de Peister*, late Schepen of this City, who are requested and directed to make an inventory of the movable and immovable property, furniture, bonds, debts and credits, left by the deceased here in this country and elsewhere and to make such agreement with the widow over the paternal inheritance of the children, as equity shall demand, reporting the same to this Board. Done etc.

Catharyna Ernstingh, widow of *Hendrick Jansen Sluyter*, is asked after the estate of her husband and whether he has left anything. She answers, only a house, which she tries to sell, as she intends to remove to Holland with her children, for which she requires the money as fare; 600 fl. have been offered to her.

Jan Jelizen Kock, having at his request been favored with the office of Messenger and Doorkeeper of the Orphans Chamber, of which so far no commission has been given him and the Orphan-

masters finding him very vigilant and attentive in the performance of his duties, they have allowed him to present before this Board all property, movable and immovable, for public auction and sell it, for which and for collecting the money for goods sold he shall have one oortje [32] on the guilder, which the Vendumaster of this Chamber shall pay him out of his commission: he is further allowed for collecting the money from the sale of the goods of *Claas Martens'* widow and *Tomas Samuel's* widow one half of what the auctioneer receives, the other half going to *Claas van Elslant.* Done etc.

Wednesday, March 14, 1663, at the City Hall present (as before).

Aldert Coninck and *Joannes de Peister*, guardians and administrators of the minor children of *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen*, produce a statement of said *van der Veen's* estate, including goods, bonds, debts and credits; and it is found, that the estate owes more, than is due to it. *Elsie Tymens*, widow of said *Pieter Cornelissen*, is asked, whether she knows anything about more debts or property, which should be added to the inventory. She answers, she knows nothing about more debts, but there were some trifles of property, not worth describing. The Orphanmasters decide, that the guardians shall make a conditional agreement with the widow about settling on the children their paternal inheritance, which

[32] A small division of the penny of which 20 made a guilder.

having been done here at the City Hall and submitted to the Board was approved, reading as follows :

To-day, the 14th of March, 1663, appeared at the Orphans Chamber of this City *Elsie Tymens*, widow of *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen*, party of the first part, and *Aldert Coninck* with *Joannes de Peister*, late Schepen, elected guardians of said *van der Veen's* minor children, *Cornelis*, *Tymen* and *Grietje Cornelizen van der Veen*, parties of the second part, who declared, that they had made with each other a contract or agreement for settling upon the said children their paternal inheritance. After having taken an inventory and considered demands and offers said *Elsie Tymens* promises to give to each of her said children, when of age or about to marry, the sum of 200 fl., in wampum, altogether 600 fl., provided the debts in Holland can be paid out of the property, inherited from said *van der Veen's* parents, amounting according to his books and papers to 6890 fl., 12 st., to-wit to *Balthasar van Eyndhoven* 1795 fl., 8, and to *Cornelis Albersen van der Veen*, father of said *Pieter Cornelissen van der Veen* 5095 fl., 4; if however these debts in the Fatherland cannot be paid out of the aforementioned property, then this contract shall be null and void and if it should happen, that the inheritance from said *Cornelis Albersen van der Veen*, father of *Pieter*, amounted to more than the aforesaid debts of *Pieter Cornelissen* to *Balthasar van Eyndthoven* and his parents, then the

surplus is to go to said children on one side and their mother on the other, each side receiving one-half, unless *Cornelis Albersen van der Veen* makes a different disposition. Both sides declare to have agreed upon the foregoing and said *Elsie Tymens* promises to carry it out under the provisions of the law. In witness whereof the record hereof in the books of the Orphans Chamber was signed by both sides at Amsterdam in New Netherland on the day as above. Signed *Elsie Tymens*, *Aldert Coninck*, *Joannes de Peister.*

Thursday, March 29, 1663, at the City Hall, present Messrs. *Allard Anthony*, *Cornelis Steenwyck*, *Joannes van Brugh.*

The Orphanmasters resolve and order, that *Jan Jelissen Kock* shall report to this Board a list of the buried dead and how they are buried; also to summon *Tysie Willems*, widow of *Willem Pietersen de Groot*, to appear at the next session.

On a slip of paper, pasted in:

Whereas *Annetje Meinders*, widow of *Dirck Barensen Smitt*, has shown to the Orphanmasters of this City an instrument, drawn in Holland, settling upon her child the paternal inheritance, which settlement after receiving and examining the statement and inventory of the estate of deceased the Orphanmasters did not find sufficient for the child, therefore the guardians of said child are herewith requested and authorized to make, assisted by *Hendrick*

Barensen Smitt, brother of the deceased and now appointed co-guardian and administrator, on behalf of the child with *Annetje Meinders* such agreement concerning the settlement, as they shall consider just.

Thursday, April 26, 1663, at the City Hall present (as before).

Isaack Greveraat coming in is told, that his wife having died it is customary to make a settlement on the children of their mothers property, and asked, whether a testament had been made by him and his wife, he answers Yes, but it does not contain the clause of exclusion of the Orphans Chamber. As he has it not with him, he is ordered to fetch it and returning he shows it. Having read it and found, as he said, the Board decides, that guardians for the children must be appointed and elects as such *Tomas Lambersen*, father-in-law (? stepfather) of the deceased, and Schepen *Jacques Cousseau*, to whom is given the following

Commission.

As *Lysbet Jurriaans*, wife of Sieur *Isaack Greveraat*, has died, leaving besides the widower two minor children, called *Andries* and *Hendrick Greveraat*, for whom and the property, left by her, it is necessary, according to the praiseworthy customs of our Fatherland, to appoint guardians and administrators, so that neither the widower on one side nor the children on the other may be injured in their

rights and inheritance, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City authorize as such, as they herewith do, *Tomas Lambersen* and Schepen *Jacques Cousseau*, who are requested and directed etc etc (word for word the same as above, March 12, 1663).

Anneke Rysens, the widow of *Salomon la Chair*, is asked, whether she and her husband had made a testament between them. She says Yes showing it and the Board directed, it should be recorded.

Merritje Jans Joncker, widow of *Cornelis Langevelt*, is asked about a testament, made by her and her husband, and upon her producing it, it is also ordered to be recorded.

In the Name of the Lord, Amen!

In the year of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ sixteen hundred three and sixty, on the 7th of February, at about 7 o. c. p. m. appeared before me, *Walewyn van der Veen*, Notary Public, appointed by the Director General and Council and residing at Amsterdam in New Netherland, and before the witnesses, named below, the worthy *Cornelis van Langevelde* and the virtuous *Merritje Jans Joncker*, called from Rotterdam, husband and wife, residing here, and to me, the Notary, well known, both in full possession of mind, memory and reason, as was evident to me and witnesses, who, considering the shortness and frailty of human life, the certainty of

death, its uncertain hour, have to anticipate the same, well advisedly without persuasion or misleading annulled and made void all former testaments or instruments of last disposition, made by them jointly or singly, and commending their souls to the merciful hands of God Almighty and their bodies to an honest burial, they come anew to a disposition of the property, given them by God. Out of special love and affection towards each other the testators give to the survivor all profits from all property, real and personal, left by the first dying, to be used, employed, administered and enjoyed by the survivor during life or until remarriage and the survivor shall benefit by the effect hereof without being held to give inventory, account or other information to the children or nearest of kin or the Orphans Chamber of this or another City, much less give bail in any shape, notwithstanding any laws, rules or ordinances of said Orphans Chamber. The survivor shall be held, honestly to bring up the children, give them food and clothing, make them go to school and attend to their other bodily necessities, have them taught a profession, art or other honest vocation, by which they may earn their living. . . They name and institute as final heirs their two sons, *Cornelis* and *Jan van Langevelde*, with the child, of which testatrix is now pregnant, and such other children, as by Gods blessing they further may have. . . Witnesses *Jacob Teunissen Day* and *Jacobus van de Water*.

Testament of *Salomon la Chair* and *Anneke Ryzens.*

In the name of the Lord, Amen!

In the year of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ sixteen hundred two and sixty, on the 3^{d} day of December about 4 o. c. p. m. appeared before me *Walewyn van der Veen*, Notary Public, appointed by the Director General and Council and residing at Amsterdam in New Netherland, and before the witnesses, named below, the worthy *Salomon la Chair* and the virtuous *Anneke Ryzens*, husband and wife, residing here and to me, the Notary, well known, both in full possession of their mind, memory, reason and speech and using them freely, but he, *Salomon*, lying sick abed, who, considering the shortness of human life, the certainty of death and the uncertainty of its hour and wishing to anticipate it have with good intention and well advisedly, without having been misled or persuaded by any one, commended their souls to the merciful hands of God Almighty etc., as in the preceding testament expressed and written, for the same purposes, as the Notary has recorded. Thus done and executed in said City at testators' house in the presence of Burgomasters *Oloff Stevensen van Cortlant* and Schepen *Jacob Strycker*, asked in as witnesses, who have signed the original, deposited in my, the Notary's, charge, with the testators and me, the Notary. Beneath stood: Quod attestor, signed *Wal. van der Veen*, Not. Public.

Lysbet Ackerman, widow of *David Ackermans*, coming in is informed, that according to the custom of our Fatherland she must give to this Board a statement and inventory of her late husband's property, whereupon she answers, she has only a few household goods, of which she occasionally has to sell some to procure food for her children, offering, if required, to confirm this under oath. She is allowed to go home and promised, that she shall not be summoned again before her marriage, provided she does her duty by the children.

Whereas *Tysje Willem*, widow of *Willem Pietersen de Groot*, who has come in, has not made a testament with her husband, therefore the Orphanmasters appoint as guardians and administrators for her children Sieur *Govert Loockermans* and *Hendrick van de Water*, ordering that a commission be given to them.

It is further ordered, that guardians and administrators be appointed for the children, left by *Judick Robbers*, late the wife of *Arien Huybersen*, and *Claas Gangeloffsen Visser* with *Aldert Coninck* are chosen, of which a commission is given to them:

Whereas *Arien Huyberzen*, widower of *Judick Robbers*, intends to take another wife and marry *Tysje Willem*, widow of *Willem Pietersen de Groot*, said *Judick Robbers* having borne him three children, still minors, for whom it is necessary to appoint

guardians and administrators, to have a settlement of their mother's estate made upon the children before the contemplated marriage, so that when coming of age or marrying they may have their own, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City elect and qualify as guardians *Claas Gangeloffsen Visser* and *Aldert Coninck*, who are herewith authorized, to make with said *Arien Huybersen*, after appraising the property and taking an inventory of the goods left, such an agreement for settling on the children their maternal inheritance, as justice demands, reporting it to this Board for approval. Done etc. May 10, 1663.

Whereas *Tysie Willems*, widow of *Willem Pietersen de Groot*, intends to marry again and become the wife of *Arien Huybersen*, widower of *Judick Robbers*, and said *Willem Pietersen* has left four minor children, for whom it is necessary to appoint guardians and administrators, to have a settlement of their father's property made upon her children before the marriage, so that they may have it on coming of age or marrying, therefore the Orphanmasters of this City elect and qualify as guardians Sieur *Govert Loockermans*, late Schepen, and *Hendrick van de Water*, Burgher residing here, who (as in the preceding, *mutatis mutandis*). Done etc. April 26, 1663.

Monday, June 18, 1663, at the City Hall present (as before).

Lysbet Cornelis, widow of *Gerrit Hendricksen van Hardenwyck*, coming in is asked, whether she and her late husband had made a testament. She answers, that on the day before his death she had asked her husband, whether he did not intend to leave something to her or to his children, whereupon he said, it was not necessary, as the property of their mother was settled on the children and if there were a surplus, she and the children should share equally. As upon the death of said *Gerrit Hendricksen's* first wife *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* and *Pieter van Couwenhoven* have been made guardians of the children, they are now continued.

Egbert Beninck appearing is asked, whether he and his deceased wife had made a testament between them. Answering No, he is told, he must settle upon his child the mother's estate, to which he says, he cannot do it, as he is himself under guardianship and returning he continues, that he has made *Hendrick Jansen van der Vin*, late Schepen of this City, and *Symon Jansen Romeyn* guardians of his child, who are qualified and continued as such by the Orphanmasters and it is requested, that before the father left for the Fatherland he may give an assurance to the child of the maternal inheritance or in case the father should die before his return. . . (incomplete).

Isaack Greveraat comes and with him *Tomas Lambersen*, elected with Schepen *Jacques Cousseau* guardian of the minor children, left by *Lysbet*

Jurriaans, late wife of said *Greveraat*. As *Greveraat* intends to marry again *Tomas Lambersen* is asked, whether he on behalf of the children has made an agreement with him concerning the maternal estate and inheritance, whereupon *Tomas Lambersen* declares, that he and Mr. *Jacques Cousseau* had agreed with *Greveraat* upon a settlement on the children of 4000 fl. in wampum, each child 2000 fl. as their inheritance, but had not yet settled the price of the wampum. As by order of the Orphans Chamber nobody is allowed to marry, before having agreed with the guardians about the settlement on the children of their inheritance and as said *Greveraat* intends to marry soon again, *Tomas Lambersen* is asked, whether he is willing, to let the marriage proceed, before the agreement is concluded; he says Yes, for without the knowledge of Mr. *Cousseau* he can do nothing and *Cousseau* has gone to Fort Orange.

Saturday, August 18, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony* and *Cornelis Steenwyck*.

Before the Board appeared *Pieter Stoutenburgh* and with him *Aart Cornelissen*, who complained, that *Pieter Stoutenburgh* and *Tomas Hal*, the guardians of the children of *Samuel Tomassen* and *Claas Martensen* and administrators of the estate, intend to take away from him the aforesaid (*sic!*) *Willem*, who is hired to him. *Pieter Stoutenburgh* says, he has learned that *Aart's* wife beats and kicks said *Willem*, of which he has often complained to him;

and this was also done last Friday a week ago, as four women confirm. Returning *Pieter Stoutenburgh* informs the Board, that he will take *Willem* into his house for as long a time, as the Orphanmasters please, and for some time he will board him for nothing, provided a Sunday coat is made for him out of his paternal property. *Tomas Hal*, also coming in and having been asked, what he has to say about this arrangement, does not oppose it and says, if there too the boy should be beaten, he would take him away. Said *Willem* was called in and asked, whether he will go to live with *Pieter Stoutenburgh* he says Yes, whereupon he is ordered by the Orphanmasters to behave and be careful at said *Stoutenburgh's*, which he promises to do. The Orphanmasters place said *Willem* into the charge of *Pieter Stoutenburgh* for board and clothing and for as long a time, as they please.

Pieter Stoutenburgh and *Thomas Hal* coming in again ask for enough money out of the estate of *Samuel Tomassen* to provide said *Willem* with a coat and other necessaries. They are told, that the key of the Orphans cash box is not at hand and that it has to be seen, how much cash there is; they should return next Thursday.

Abel Hardenbroeck and *Annetje Meinders*, his wife, are informed, as on the 8th of February last they have settled upon *Annetjie's* child by *Dirck Barensen Smitt* 1100 fl. Holland currency and 700 fl. in wampum, of which a record was made, but not signed

by them, they must do it. In answer they admit having made the settlement, but find themselves in difficulty, because they cannot bring up so much money in Holland currency and therefore cannot make up their minds to sign.

Thursday, November 22, 1663, at the City Hall present Messrs. *Allard Anthony*, *Cornelis Steenwyck* and *Govert Loockermans.*

Seletje Jans, widow of *Hendrick van der Walle*, is asked, whether she and her late husband have made a testament. Answering No, she is further asked, how it is with the estate left by her husband. She says, she does not know, because she is ignorant of her husband's affairs in Holland; before his death he had requested *Joannes de Peister* and *Joannes Schevelbergh* to look after his business and she asks, the matter might be delayed until the arrival of the ships from Fatherland. The Orphanmasters decide, that guardians of the child and administrators of the estate, left by *Hendrick van der Walle*, must be appointed and elect *Joannes de Peister* with *Joannes Schevelbergh.*

Hendrick [33], guardian and administrator with *Pieter van Couwenhoven* of the children of *Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck*, requests, as *Pieter van Couwenhoven* is always away from home on the Company's

[33] Hendricksen Obe.

service, that another be appointed in his place and the Orphanmasters elect *Bartholdus Maan.*

Otto Gerrits, the son of *Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck*, is urged, to take in hand the estate, left by his father, and write up the books; so that the guardians may appraise the estate.

Isaack Greveraat and Mr. *Jacques Cousseau*, with *Tomas Lambersen* guardian of the children of *Lysbet Jurriaans* by said *Greveraat*, come in to take their case in hand, but as *Tomas Lambersen* is not present, nothing is done.

As *Pieter van Couwenhoven*,—by the Orphanmasters of this City on the 17th of October, 1659, with *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* appointed guardian of the children, left by *Ytje*, the widow of *Gerrit Hendricksen van Harderwyck*, who upon the death of said *Gerrit Hendricksen* were continued in their charge,—cannot because of his present duties in this conjuncture give the required attention to it and as it is necessary, to settle the estate of said *Gerrit Hendricksen*, therefore to further the settling the Orphanmasters deem it best to appoint somebody else in his place and elect *Bartholdus Maan*, requesting and directing him with *Hendrick Hendricksen Obe* to take as soon as possible an inventory of all the property, bonds, debts and credits and report it to this Board for further disposition. Done etc.

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